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Independent Order of Odd-Fellows.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Baltimore, September, 1852. :

BALTIMORE, SEPTEMBER 20, 1852.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon a call of the roll, the following members were present :

OFFICERS.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,	- - -	M. W. G. Sire.
HERMAN L. PAGE,	- - -	R. W. D. G. Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY,	- - -	R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary.
ANDREW E. WARNER,	- - -	R. W. G. Treasurer.
Rev. JUNIUS M. WILLEY,	- - -	R. W. G. Chaplain.
JOHN SESSFORD, JR.,	- - -	R. W. G. Marshal.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN,	- - -	W. G. Messenger.
SOLOMON H. LEWYT,	- - -	W. G. Guardian.

And Representatives from thirty-one State Grand Lodges and twenty-six Grand Encampments, as follows :

P. G. Henry F. Anners,	}	- - - - Pennsylvania.
P. G. J. Alex. Simpson,		
P. G. M. Henry G. Askew,	}	- - - - Delaware.
P. G. M. Lloyd E. Baldwin,		
P. G. H. P. James M. Cassady,	}	- - - - Connecticut.
P. G. Joseph N. Taylor,		
P. G. William Chidsey,	}	- - - - New Jersey.
G. M. W. G. Williams,		
		- - - - Ohio.

P. G. Schuyler Colfax, }	-	-	-	Indiana.
P. G. P. A. Hackleman, }	-	-	-	
P. G. Benjamin Conley, }	-	-	-	Georgia
P. G. Edward S. Kempton, }	-	-	-	
P. G. M. Wilham Crutcher, }	-	-	-	Mississippi.
P. G. C. Theodore Vennigerholz, }	-	-	-	
P. G. M. Wilmot G. DeSaussure,	-	-	-	South Carolina.
P. G. Edgar C. Dibble, }	-	-	-	
P. G. Rowland F. Russell, }	-	-	-	Northern New York.
P. G. M. William Ellison, -	-	-	-	Massachusetts.
P. G. James W. Hale, }	-	-	-	
P. G. M. Wilson Small, }	-	-	-	Southern New York.
P. G. Charles R. Hansford, }	-	-	-	
P. G. P. William E. Jennings, }	-	-	-	Alabama
P. G. Thomas Hardie, -	-	-	-	Iowa.
P. G. Henry B. Hinsdale, -	-	-	-	Winconsin.
P. G. M. Asher S. Kellogg, -	-	-	-	Michigan.
P. G. William B. Magruder, }	-	-	-	
P. G. M. Frederick D. Stuart, }	-	-	-	District of Columbia.
P. G. M. Horace A. Mauchester, }	-	-	-	
P. G. M. James Wood, }	-	-	-	Rhode Island.
P. G. M. Richard Marley, }	-	-	-	
P. G. Joshua Vansant, }	-	-	-	Maryland.
P. G. Elijah Morton, }	-	-	-	
P. G. W. S. Munday, }	-	-	-	Tennessee.
P. G. John G. Potts, -	-	-	-	Illinois.
P. C. P. W. H. Remington, -	-	-	-	Missouri.
P. G. M. E. C. Robinson, }	-	-	-	
P. G. M. Israel Robinson, }	-	-	-	Virginia.
P. G. M. Timothy G. Senter, }	-	-	-	
P. G. Stephen H. Simes, }	-	-	-	New Hampshire.
P. G. G. W. Shaw, -	-	-	-	Louisiana.

The Secretary having reported a quorum present, the Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified; whereupon, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Junius M. Willey, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the proceedings of last session was dispensed with.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Credentials: Reps. E. C. Robinson, of Va., Small, of S. N. Y. and Shaw, of La.

The credentials of new members were presented and referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the several States and jurisdictions now proceed to draw for the seats to be occupied by their Representatives during the session; and that, unless otherwise ordered by their delegation, the oldest member present from each State or jurisdiction shall act, in this drawing, for his State or jurisdiction.

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., moved to amend the resolution by providing for a committee of three to superintend the drawing, which was adopted.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended, it was adopted.

The Chair named Reps. Colfax, of Ind., P. G. Sire Kennedy, and Rep. Cassady, of N. J., as the committee.

Rep. Kennedy, from the committee on that subject, made the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed to prepare a plan for balloting for seats respectfully report :

That they recommend that ballots from No. 1 to 32, corresponding with the number of States and jurisdictions represented in this body, be placed in a hat, and that the senior member of each State or jurisdiction draw one of those numbers, commencing with the Senior Representative from Maryland. The State that draws No. 1 shall be entitled to as many seats, commencing at desk numbered one, as the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of that State are entitled to : the State drawing No. 2 shall occupy the desks numbered immediately consecutive to those occupied by No. 1, and so on to No. 32, who will consequently occupy the highest numbered seats. This plan, as the committee think, will avoid confusion, and at the same time enable the members from each State or jurisdiction to be seated together, as they are now, for convenience in consultation.

Respectfully submitted.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
JAMES M. CASSADY.

Rep. Seymour, of S. C., being about to address the Lodge upon the report of the committee, his right to take part in the proceedings of the Lodge was objected to, upon the ground that being a new member, and the Committee on Credentials not having reported, he was not yet recognised as a Representative. The Chair ruled as follows :

That, under the former organization of this Grand Lodge, when the terms of its members were limited to one year, and the body annually elected became dissolved on the assembling of a new session, all the Representatives met as equals, and each had a right to participate in the organization ; but since this Grand Lodge had been made a perpetual body, by extending the terms of its members to two years, and requiring one-half of them to hold over from year to year, a newly elected Representative cannot be regarded as a member until his credentials shall have been received, and the justice of his claim to a seat acknowledged by the existing Grand Lodge ; and until thus duly admitted, no brother can take part in any of the proceedings of this body.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., objected to the right of P. G. S. Kennedy to serve on the committee, on the ground that he was in the same position as Rep. Seymour, of South Carolina, his credentials having not yet been reported upon. The Chair ruled as follows :

That Past Grand Sires are permanent members of this body, possessing all the rights and privileges of other members, except the right of voting and having their expenses paid; and that P. G. S. Kennedy being present, was competent to serve on a committee, or perform any other duty that might be assigned him as a member of this body; his privileges of Past Grand Sire being suspended, for the time being, so long as he should be in the discharge of duties as a regular Representative from his State.

Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The Lodge then proceeded to the drawing in the manner prescribed by the report of the committee, and under the direction of the committee; and the drawing having been concluded, the committee reported as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the duty of allotting seats report the subjoined list as the result of the drawing.

Very respectfully.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
JAMES M. CASSADY.

Number.	Entitled to seats.	Nos. of seats allotted.
1. Arkansas,	1	1
2. Missouri,	3	2, 3, 4.
3. Mississippi,	3	5, 6, 7.
4. Florida,	1	8.
5. Pennsylvania,	4	9, 10, 11, 12.
6. Northern New York	4	13, 14, 15, 16.
7. Connecticut,	3	17, 18, 19.
8. Kentucky,	3	20, 21, 22.
9. Maryland,	4	23, 24, 25, 26.
10. Wisconsin,	3	27, 28, 29.
11. South Carolina,	3	30, 31, 32.
12. Iowa,	3	33, 34, 35.
13. Massachusetts,	4	36, 37, 38, 39.
14. Delaware,	3	40, 41, 42.
15. Virginia,	4	43, 44, 45, 46.
16. New Jersey,	3	47, 48, 49.
17. Illinois,	3	50, 51, 52.
18. Indiana,	3	53, 54, 55.
19. Southern New York,	4	56, 57, 58, 59.
20. Tennessee,	3	60, 61, 62.
21. Vermont,	2	63, 64.
22. District of Columbia	3	65, 66, 67.
23. New Hampshire,	3	68, 69, 70.

Number.	Entitled to seats.	Nos. of seats allotted.
24. Michigan,	3	71, 72, 73.
25. Maine,	3	74, 75, 76.
26. Rhode Island	3	77, 78, 79.
27. Georgia,	3	80, 81, 82.
28. Ohio,	4	83, 84, 85, 86.
29. Alabama,	3	87, 88, 89.
30. North Carolina,	3	90, 91, 92.
31. Texas,	1	93.
32. Louisiana,	3	94, 95, 96.

On motion of Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y., the Lodge took a recess for five minutes, to enable the Representatives to change their seats.

The Lodge having resumed its business—

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credential respectfully report the certificates of the following Representatives as in form and duly authenticated, and that the Representatives named are entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge.

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. M. James L. Ridgely,	-	-	-	-	Maryland.
P. G. I. D. Williamson,	}	-	-	-	Kentucky.
P. G. Richard Gillespie,	}	-	-	-	
P. G. M. John Crikard,	-	-	-	-	Louisiana.
P. G. James B. Rupie,	-	-	-	-	Pennsylvania.
P. G. Charles C. Harmon,	-	-	-	-	Maine.
P. G. J. P. Norman,	-	-	-	-	Arkansas.
P. G. James P. Sanders,	-	-	-	-	Northern New York.
P. G. William Hieks,	-	-	-	-	Rhode Island.
P. G. M. Johnston B. Newby,	}	-	-	-	
P. G. W. L. Steele,	}	-	-	-	North Carolina.
P. G. M. Edward H. Fitzhugh,	-	-	-	-	Virginia.
P. G. Francis D. Mulford,	-	-	-	-	New Jersey.
P. G. M. Augustus M. Foute,	-	-	-	-	Mississippi.
P. G. M. Joseph L. Drew,	}	-	-	-	
P. G. See. William H. Jones,	}	-	-	-	Massachusetts.
P. G. Nelson Carlisle,	-	-	-	-	Delaware.
P. G. R. Finley Hunt,	-	-	-	-	District of Columbia
P. G. John A. Gyles,	-	-	-	-	South Carolina.
P. G. Samuel Lynes,	-	-	-	-	Connecticut.
P. G. M. A. Tuxbury,	}	-	-	-	
P. G. C. W. Bradbury,	}	-	-	-	Vermont.
P. G. M. John C. Lyford,	-	-	-	-	New Hampshire.
P. G. M. Andre Froment,	-	-	-	-	Southern New York.
P. G. M. John Chester,	-	-	-	-	Michigan.
P. G. Luther J. Glenn,	-	-	-	-	Georgia.

P. G. M. Oliver Dufour,	-	-	-	-	Indiana.
P. G. N. G. Shelley,	-	-	-	-	Alabama.
P. G. Thomas T. Smiley,	-	-	-	-	Tennessee.
P. G. John Libby,	}	-	-	-	Missouri.
P. D. G. M. Clarke H. Green,					
P. G. M. William D. McCord,	-	-	-	-	Iowa.
P. G. Charles Billinghamurst,	-	-	-	-	Wisconsin.
P. G. E. P. Hunt,	-	-	-	-	Texas.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. C. P. Benjamin F. Zimmerman,	-	-	-	-	Maryland.
P. G. P. George Sligo,	-	-	-	-	Pennsylvania.
P. G. P. Edmund P. Hunter,	-	-	-	-	Virginia.
P. G. Sire John A. Kennedy,	-	-	-	-	Southern New York.
P. G. P. John R. Mullen,	-	-	-	-	Massachusetts.
P. G. P. Cholwell J. Gruman,	-	-	-	-	Connecticut.
P. C. P. Nelson Hayward,	-	-	-	-	Ohio.
P. H. P. Edward S. Kempton,	-	-	-	-	Georgia.
P. H. P. George W. Race,	-	-	-	-	Louisiana.
P. G. P. Daniel P. Barnard,	-	-	-	-	Northern New York.
P. G. P. Thomas H. Hardenburgh,	-	-	-	-	North Carolina.
P. G. William Mathews,	-	-	-	-	Kentucky.
P. G. Witter J. Baxter,	-	-	-	-	Michigan.
P. G. James B. Kellogg,	-	-	-	-	Wisconsin.
P. G. Joseph Burton,	-	-	-	-	Maine.

The committee further report that they have in their hands a certificate from the Grand Patriarch of South Carolina, certifying that P. C. P. Robert W. Seymour was duly elected a Representative from the Grand Encampment to this Grand Lodge, but that in consequence of the sickness and absence of the Grand Scribe, said certificate is without the seal of said Grand Encampment; also, a telegraphic despatch from the Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of Illinois, stating that the credentials of P. C. P. John G. Potts had been forwarded to him at this place. Said credentials have not, however, been placed in the possession of your committee.

All of which is herewith submitted to the Grand Lodge for its consideration.

E. C. ROBINSON,
G. W. SHAW,
WILSON SMALL.

On motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., that part of the report of the committee relating to the credentials of Representatives which are in due form, was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Small, of S. N. Y., the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That P. C. P. R. W. Seymour be and he is hereby admitted as the Representative from the Grand Encampment of South Carolina.

Resolved, That P. C. P. John G. Potts be and he is hereby admitted as the Representative of the Grand Encampment of Illinois.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That this R. W. Grand Lodge will meet daily at 9 o'clock A. M.; take a recess for half an hour at 12 o'clock M. and adjourn at 3½ o'clock P. M.

Rep. Small, of S. N. Y., moved to amend the resolution by substituting 3 o'clock as the hour for recess, and providing for an evening session at 7 o'clock, which was not adopted.

The question recurring on the original proposition, it was adopted.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause twelve hundred copies of the daily journal to be printed, and one copy thereof to be placed upon the desk of the Representatives at the opening of each day's session.

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger have placed daily on the desk of each Representative ten copies of the printed proceedings in single wrappers, for the purpose of mailing, and that he is hereby authorized to pay the postage on all documents which may be placed in his hands, printed by authority of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved to amend the first resolution, by striking out "twelve hundred" copies and inserting "two thousand" copies, which was not adopted.

The question recurring upon the resolutions of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., they were adopted.

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will hold a secret session on Wednesday evening next, at 7 o'clock, for instruction in the work of the Order.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was accepted and the committee discharged:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed at the last annual communication to procure a portrait of P. G. S. Robert H. Griffin would respectfully ask leave to report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and the portrait is now in the official keeping of the R. W. Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. ELLISON,
JAMES M. CASSADY,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed at the last session of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of digesting and arranging the Rules of Order adopted by that R. W. Body, have had the matter under consideration and respectfully report:

That after a careful examination of Cushing's Manual, with a view

to the accomplishment of the duty imposed upon them, they reluctantly abandoned the undertaking, and submit the following reasons for so doing :

First. Because they found the Manual almost a perfect digest of the Rules of Order now in use in most of the legislative bodies in this country; and that being so, it could not be more condensed without depreciating its value, and in fact robbing it of its principal merit.

Second. That even were the Manual much less condensed, it would be impossible to comply with the wishes of the Grand Lodge without copying therefrom, verbatim, many whole sections or even articles; which, in the opinion of your committee, besides putting the Grand Lodge to unnecessary expense for printing the rules, would, if abridged to less than one-fourth the matter contained in Cushing, cost more per copy than is asked for the book in its present condition.

Taking this view of the subject, the committee respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

FRED. D. STUART,
JOSHUA VANSANT,
H. F. ASKEW.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., moved the following resolutions, which, at his instance, were ordered to be spread upon the Journal, and laid on the table for the present :

Resolved, That a committee of three be raised by election, to whom shall be referred the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge, to report such amendments thereto as they shall deem to be required by the Order.

Resolved, That the said committee have leave to sit during the recess, provided such session shall not exceed one week, and the same compensation shall be allowed per diem to the members of the committee as is now allowed to Grand Representatives.

Resolved, That the said committee be instructed to present their report on the first day of the next communication, with power to have two hundred copies of the same printed for the use of the members of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the report of the said committee do lie upon the table during the communication of 1853. and be considered as amendments of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order, to be acted upon at the communication of 1854.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Lodge, in pursuance of the order adopted, took a recess for half an hour.

HALF PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees :

On the State of the Order.—Reps. DeSaussure, of S. C., Colfax, of Ind., Stuart, of D. C.

Legislative Committee.—Reps. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., Barnard, of N. N. Y., Conley, of Ga.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. Askew, of Del., Cassady, of N. J., Baldwin, of Conn.

On Finance.—Reps. Crikard, of La., Kellogg, of Wis., Zimmerman, of Md.

On Appeals.—Reps. Ellison, of Mass., Dufour, of Ind., Anners, of Pa.

On Constitutions.—Reps. Vennigerholz, of Miss., E. C. Robinson, of Va., Drew, of Mass.

On Petitions.—Reps. Manchester, of R. I., Newby, of N. C., Munday, of Tenn.

On Returns.—Reps. Senter, of N. H., Emerson, of Me., Norman, of Ark.

On Grand Bodies not represented.—Reps. Potts, of Ill., Lynes, of Conn., Gyles, of S. C.

On Printing.—Reps. Kellogg, of Mich., Vansant, of Md., Williams, of Ohio.

Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. Hale, of S. N. Y., Jennings, of Ala., Hardie, of Iowa.

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., asked to be excused from service on the Committee on the State of the Order, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Zimmerman, of Md., was excused from service on the Committee on Finance, and Rep. Conley, of Georgia, appointed to fill the vacancy.

Rep. Askew, of Del., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger be, and he is hereby instructed to place on the desk of each member of this Grand Lodge a copy of "Cushing's Manual," and that the copies to be furnished shall continue to be the property of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to present one blank copy of the Grand Lodge diploma to each Representative who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Vansant, of Md., presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Anners, of Pa., presented the amended by-laws of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be requested to report forthwith how many of the State Grand bodies (if any) have not paid the amounts due from their respective Grand Lodges to this R. W. Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary accordingly reported the amounts due by the several State Grand Bodies whose accounts were unsettled.

The M. W. Grand Sire submitted his Annual Report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

BROTHERS: Being again convened in annual session, pursuant to the fraternal compact which binds together our great and flourishing institution, to survey its present condition and unite our counsels for its future welfare, it reverently becoms us, before entering upon the business for which we have assembled, to acknowledge with gratitude the infinite wisdom and goodness of an all-wise Providence, to whose protecting care we are so greatly indebted for the many blessings we enjoy. Both as citizens of a common country and as members of an association whose beneficent operations extend to every part of its inhabited territories, we have had during the past year abundant cause of felicitation, in the evidences of increasing prosperity and happiness which have marked its progress. Blessed with peace in all our borders, preserved from pestilence, favored with plentiful harvests, and witnessing in active and successful operation all the appliances of industry, science, and art, cold indeed must be the heart that does not glow with a sense of devout thankfulness to the Giver of all good for his benignant dispensations towards us.

It would be supererogation for me to enter upon details whilst informing the Representatives here congregated, from all parts of our widely-expanded jurisdiction, that the institution of Odd-Fellowship has shared largely in the general prosperity and advancement of our age and country. Its lodges and membership have been greatly increased; its wealth and power proportionately augmented; and its business affairs, in all their extensive ramifications, distinguished by a harmony the most auspicious and encouraging. In short, in its noble career of beneficence, it continues to disarm prejudice, to silence slander, and calm the swells of sectarian bigotry, at the same time that it more securely fortifies itself against successful opposition, and more widely and firmly establishes its proud claim to pre-eminence amongst the most benevolent institutions of the age.

Grand Lodges having been established in all the States, (except California,) and Grand Encampments in nearly all of them, there now remains but little territory in which it is the province of this Grand Lodge to organize Lodges or Encampments; and, consequently, the necessity of issuing dispensations for such bodies, in pursuance of the law which invests your executive officers with that discretion during the recess, has become quite limited, in comparison with what it has been in past years. A recapitulation of the acts of the Grand Sire cannot, therefore, occupy much space in this communication.

During the recess we have issued a warrant for, and caused to be instituted at Muscatine, the Grand Encampment of Iowa, previously authorized by an act of the Grand Lodge. This Grand Encampment was duly organized on the 10th of June last, by Bro. Amos Mathews, then District Deputy Grand Sire for that State, and is represented to be in a promising condition.

We have also issued dispensations for Subordinate Lodges at Salem, Oregon; St Paul's, Minnesota; and Santa Fe, New Mexico; and for

a Subordinate Encampment at Monticello, Florida; all of which acts are respectfully submitted for your approval and confirmation.

The Lodge at Salem, in Oregon, if it shall have been instituted, (of which there is no reason to doubt,) will be the first Lodge opened in that distant Territory, the warrant heretofore granted for a Lodge at Oregon city having been cancelled.

The Order in California, the condition of which will be learned from the report of the Grand Secretary and its accompanying documents, will require your special attention.

The report of the same distinguished and indefatigable officer will also inform you of the nature of a communication received last spring, from an association styling itself the "Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of England," proposing a union with the Odd-Fellows of the United States. The Grand Sire fully coincides in the views presented by the Grand Secretary in relation to this subject, so far as they are adverse to the proposed union.

In May last an application was received for a lodge at Panama, in the Republic of New Granada, where our Order might be planted with great advantage to the numerous brotherhood who are constantly removing to and from California; but the application having been informal, we were relieved from the duty of deciding upon its contents, and simply informed the petitioners in what manner they could legally proceed in their laudable work. It is not improbable, therefore, that the petition will be renewed, in anticipation of which event the documents are herewith submitted for your examination and judgment, if it shall be your pleasure to institute special legislation upon the subject.

In January last a commission was issued to Bro. M. D. Papy, the District Deputy Grand Sire of Florida, to confer the Encampment degrees upon a sufficient number of scarlet members, to enable them to petition for an Encampment; which trust having been promptly discharged by Bro. Papy, a petition was forwarded in due form, upon which a dispensation was granted for Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, of Florida, to be located at Monticello; of the opening of which no return has yet been received.

Only one charter has been reclaimed during the recess—that of State Encampment, No. 3, of Iowa, which became forfeited by its neglect to forward proper returns to this Grand Lodge. Its funds and warrant have been duly returned to the office of the Grand Secretary.

In ——— last the Grand Sire authorized Bro. Joseph D. Ellis, who had been previously appointed District Deputy Grand Sire for the Territory of New Mexico, to elevate a number of scarlet members to the Patriarchal degrees, to enable them to petition for a Subordinate Encampment, to be located at Santa Fe; and, these brethren having been duly qualified as petitioners, an application for an Encampment was received from them several weeks ago. It was accompanied, however, by other documents touching the condition of the Order in New Mexico, which induced your executive officers, in view of the near approach of this annual session, to submit to your judgment, as they now do, the propriety of granting the prayer of the petitioners.

Towards the close of the last year the Degree of Rebekah was distributed, in accordance with your enactment of the last session, to such Grand Lodges as applied for it, and, so far as we are informed, it has been received by them with general favor. The work is now in possession of the Grand Lodges of all the States, except those of Maryland and North Carolina, which have deferred final action upon the question of purchasing it. In order to ensure uniformity in putting this degree into operation, the Grand Sire deemed it necessary to accompany it with some general instructions, a copy of which is submitted with this report.

Since your last communication, the Block of Marble which was directed to be prepared as a contribution from this Grand Lodge to the National Monument, now in the course of erection at the city of Washington as a memorial of the Nation's gratitude to the Hero and Sage who so eminently contributed to the establishment of its liberties, has been formally presented to the President of the United States, who is ex-officio President of the Board of Managers of the Monument Association. The correspondence which took place on the occasion will be laid before you. It may be added, however, that in the preparation and embellishment of this block, no pains have been spared to make it worthy of the Order which it is designed in part to represent in the lofty column now being reared by a grateful people to perpetuate the name of their most illustrious countryman, whose civic virtues and heroic deeds deservedly occupy so proud a place in the esteem and admiration of the world. The execution of the work having been committed to Bro. Peter Fritz, the present Grand Master of Pennsylvania, that brother is justly entitled to high credit for the faithful and disinterested manner in which he discharged the important trust confided to him.

The receipts into the Treasury during the year, of which the worthy Grand Secretary's report will contain a detailed statement, are more than sufficient to discharge the current expenses, including the per diem and mileage of members for the present session. If there were any probability that the revenue of the Grand Lodge would continue to exceed its necessary expenses, which have been greatly increased by requiring the compensation of Representatives to be paid out of its Treasury, sound policy would dictate a reduction in some branches of its income. But, under present circumstances, as much the largest portion of the receipts for this year have been derived from a temporary source, which has now been nearly exhausted, and cannot be expected hereafter to furnish means to any considerable amount, a prudent foresight would suggest the impropriety of disturbing the existing revenue laws; the more especially as the regular income of the year has been less than the accruing expenses, and in a very brief period this income must be still further reduced, when the revenue now arising from the per centage of Subordinates shall be transferred to State jurisdictions. It becomes us, therefore, so to manage our financial affairs as to retain in the Treasury a surplus large enough to meet any emergency that might be produced by a deficiency in the general receipts.

In the financial statistics of the past year there is one exhibit which will be regarded with general regret—that one which discloses that the appeal of this Grand Lodge for contributions in aid of the annuity proposed to be conferred on the honored Pratriarch of our Order, has not called forth those liberal responses which were too confidently anticipated. It will be seen that a few only of the State Bodies have evinced a disposition to second the views of this Grand Lodge in bestowing upon that worthy and venerated brother some substantial evidence of a just appreciation of his faithful services, and of his pre-eminent claims upon the generous sympathies of a great and flourishing institution, to whose growth and maturity he has devoted the vigor and substance of his life. It is for the Grand Lodge to determine whether it is expedient to resort to any other measure with a view to the accomplishment of the praiseworthy object contemplated by its previous legislation on this subject.

It is a source of gratification to be able to state that the contributions in aid of our brethren at Honolulu have been quite liberal, and will, it is hoped, satisfy those who are laboring in behalf of the Order in that distant region that their efforts are not regarded by us with indifference.

The same cause which, as before stated, has circumscribed the acts of your executive officers in authorizing the opening of Lodges and Encampments, (namely, the covering of the States by Grand Bodies,) has also considerably limited the necessity of direct appeals to the Grand Sire to settle debatable questions touching the law or practice of the Order. The comparatively few cases presented for adjudication afford gratifying evidence of the comprehensiveness and efficacy of the existing code, as well as of the greater familiarity with its provisions which has been acquired by the experience of the brotherhood. The correspondence accompanying this report will disclose the nature of all the questions decided during the recess. A portion of them only can be here recapitulated for general information, viz :

1. That upon the adoption of any degree by this Grand Lodge, the Grand Representatives who are put in possession of it in the discharge of their representative duties, have no right to confer it upon Subordinate Lodges without having been regularly authorized so to do by their respective Grand Lodges; to which bodies the degree should be first formally reported, that they may adopt measures for putting it into operation, each within its own jurisdiction.

2. That the resolution of the last session does not authorize Grand Lodges to adjourn their sessions from place to place, as a majority of the members may at the moment decide by resolution, but merely authorizes said lodges to change their place of meeting, without consulting this Grand Lodge, by amendments of their constitutions and by-laws; and that, in the absence of such constitutional provisions, the meetings of Grand Lodges ought to be held at such places as are designated in their charters.

3. That a Grand Master has no power summarily to remove an officer of a Subordinate Lodge, as his official relations are not with the

officers of Lodges, but with the Lodges themselves, in their lodge capacity; and, therefore, if a Noble Grand persists in permitting improper work in violation of his instructions, it is the duty of the Grand Master to inform the Lodge that unless it shall require its officer to conform to the work it will be dealt with for insubordination.

4. That the term of service for Grand Officers, as recognised by all the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, is one year; and that Grand Officers who are elected for the brief period of three or four months would not be entitled to the official honors of said officers.

5. That Past Grands deputed to install the officers of Subordinates are charged with a special duty, clearly prescribed by law, and are entitled to all the respect due to the officer whom they represent, but that they have no authority summarily to deprive a Lodge of its charter, nor any right to assume the rank of elective officers, and introduce strangers into a Lodge without eard or password.

6. That Past Grands deputed to officiate as Grand Officers at the installation of officers of Subordinate Lodges, and such other members of a Grand Lodge as may assemble to aid in those ceremonies, are required before entering the ante-room to give the same password that is demanded of other brothers; but that after the Lodge has been duly informed by the Grand Marshal of the presence in the ante-room of the installing officers, no password should be required of them at the inner door.

7. That, on a regular night of meeting, when, in the absence of the two principal officers, a Lodge had been opened for business with a Past Grand in the Noble Grand's chair and a scarlet member in the Vice Grand's chair, the proceedings of said meeting could not be pronounced illegal on the ground that there was present no Past Grand to occupy the chair if the acting Noble Grand had been required temporarily to vacate it, because, if the chair had been thus temporarily vacated, it would have been the duty of the right-supporter to occupy it.

8. That the Noble Grand of a Lodge has not the right to admit a member belonging to another Lodge in his State jurisdiction without the term password, but that he may admit members of his own Lodge without said word, if they be not in arrears to an amount that would disqualify them from receiving it.

9. That a Secretary has no right to withhold a eard which has been granted by a Lodge, and for doing so he is liable to arraignment, even if the responsibility be assumed on the alleged discovery of crime on the part of the intended recipient.

10. That the laws of the various States and Municipalities, in consequence of the diversity of their provisions, would not, as a general rule, be a proper guide in determining the question of residence of applicants for membership, but that Lodges must be governed in this respect by such considerations as would prevail in ordinary business or social relations; as, for instance, that a married man, accompanied by his family and chattels, and engaged in some regular business, should be domiciled at the place of application, or that a single man, having with him his goods or the implements of his trade, should be engaged in the business of his calling; and the absence, in either case,

of any good reason to suppose that the presence of such persons was owing to the pursuit of a merely temporary object.

11. That a brother who has lost or been dispossessed of a withdrawal card, from no cause which should impeach his own conduct, may obtain a new card, bearing the same date, from the Lodge which had granted the original one, the said Lodge being the judge as to the propriety of granting the new issue, and, if granted, expressing on its face that it is a duplicate.

12. That a brother holding a withdrawal card which has run out of date may be recognised as an ancient Odd-Fellow, and be allowed to renew his membership by the deposit of said card, in a lodge at the place of his residence, upon the payment of such fee as the laws of said Lodge may require.

13. That it is not necessary or proper to reconsider or rescind a vote granting a withdrawal card, in order to arraign the brother to whom such card may have been given; because, the card having been voted, the membership of the brother ceases, and he has a legal right to the card; which, if he desires to renew his membership, he can deposit in the usual mode, or if it shall have been indiscreetly granted to an unworthy brother, the Lodge may annul it, taking care to allow to the brother implicated a fair and impartial trial, as in the case of suspended members against whom charges are preferred.

14. That a brother who is a member in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge in one State, and at the same time a resident in another State, is a proper candidate for initiation into an Encampment at the place of his residence.

15. That the Degree of Rebekah is an honorary degree, to be conferred, under the regulations adopted at the last session, upon such scarlet members and their wives as may desire to receive it; but that the officers of all Lodges which are in possession of the work ought to be in regular possession of the degree, upon the same principle that they are required to assume other obligations belonging to their official stations.

Some other decisions, relating to internal administration and the work of the Order, which may probably deserve the examination of the committee on that subject, will be found in the correspondence submitted with this report.

It having come to the knowledge of the Grand Sire that the office of the Grand Secretary suffers much inconvenience for the want of a seal press, and that a new seal is also necessary, he respectfully invites attention to the subject.

It is to the Grand Sire a cause of gratulation, as it ought to be to the Grand Representatives and the Order generally, that few questions have been submitted for his opinion in regard to which he has not been able to find law to guide his judgment. The imperfections, however, that have become apparent should be provided for, in order to limit as far as possible individual discretion. Perhaps the most remarkable deficiency is, that although all the general legislation of this body is founded upon the presumption that the terms of the officers of State Grand

Bodies are established at one year, there appears upon our Journal no enactment regulating those terms, except the act of the Grand Lodge of Maryland at the time of its separation from the Grand Lodge of the United States. Other remarkable defects in the general laws are the absence of any provision prescribing the mode in which membership may be renewed by brothers holding expired withdrawal cards, or for the replacing of cards that may have been lost or destroyed. It is the more necessary to provide for these cases because re-initiations are contrary to usage; and even upon this subject there is no law of record upon your Journal.

Having placed before you a report of my official acts and doings, as required by the organic law, the duty devolves upon you to institute such legislation as in your judgment may be required by the interests of our cherished Order. It is now, as has before been stated, harmonious and prosperous in all its relations. Our numerous brotherhood, affiliated for no unlawful purpose, but, on the contrary, ever standing firmly in defence of their country and its laws; excluding from their halls all sectarian and political discussions; discouraging every species of vice and immorality; disseminating no other doctrines than those of peace and good-will to man, have thus far been peculiarly favored by the encouraging smiles of Heaven; and to that high source we may ever look with confidence, so long as we maintain fresh and vigorous, in the true spirit of its foundation, an Order built upon the very home-stead of humanity—of gentle brotherhood—and keep in view those active interchanges of kind offices that sweeten so much the mingled ingredients in the cup of human life. Let moderation, kindness, and forbearance characterize all our acts; let a genial faith in the omnipotence of good principles and just feeling and action pervade us, and thus shall we carry into practical effect the highest objects of our being on earth, at the same time that we honor the imperishable principles upon which are based the solid foundations of our Order.

WM. W. MOORE, *Grand Sire*.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved that the report of the Grand Sire be referred to a select committee, for the purpose of allotting the several subjects therein referred to; and that two thousand copies of the same be printed for the use of the Representatives.

Rep. Dufour, of Ind., moved to amend the resolution by striking out "two thousand" and inserting "fifteen hundred;" which was not adopted.

The question recurring on the original proposition, it was adopted.

The Chair named Reps. Vennigerholz, of Miss., Small, of S. N. Y., and Billingham, of Wis., as the committee provided for by the above resolution.

On motion of Rep. Ellison, of Mass., a committee of three was ordered to be appointed, for the purpose of reporting the unfinished business of the last session.

The Chair named Reps. Ellison, of Mass., Marley, of Md., and I. Robinson, of Va., as the committee.

Rep. Russell, of N. N. Y., moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Book of Diagrams and Secret Book of the Order be placed in the possession of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire during the session.

The Chair laid upon the table the sealed proposals received for printing the Journal, which were referred to the Committee on Printing.

Rep. I. Robinson, of Va., presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and a protest of that Grand Lodge, which were referred.

Rep. Williamson, of Ky., presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Russell, of N. N. Y., presented a series of resolutions of the Grand Encampment of Northern New York, which were referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. Senter, of N. H., presented a petition for a Grand Lodge charter for the State of California, accompanied by a letter alluding to the condition of the Order in that State, and moved their reference to a special committee.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved to refer the petition to the Committee on Petitions.

The question being on the reference to the Committee on Petitions, it was agreed to.

Rep. Hackleman, of Ind., presented the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana :

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to bring before that body the necessity existing for the adoption of appropriate forms for opening and closing Degree Lodges, and that they urge the adoption of such ceremonies at the earliest date possible.

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives be furnished with an attested copy of these resolutions, to be by them laid before the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved to refer the communication to a special committee, which was adopted.

The Chair named Reps. Hackleman, of Ind., Small, of S. N. Y., and Williamson, of Ky., as the committee.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, presented the following proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, being in the nature of instructions to the Representatives of that body :

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Encampment to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby instructed to propose, advocate, and urge the adoption—

1st. Of a reform in the financial affairs of that body—1st. The use of the funds, stocks, and claims of that body to the defraying of its current and legislative expenses until it shall have been exhausted.

2d. That after the present fund of the Grand Lodge of the United States shall have been absorbed, that a direct tax shall be levied upon State Grand Lodges and Encampments, based upon the representation in that body, to be levied annually, or at each session, and based upon the probable actual sum required annually to defray the expenses.

2d. Of a material reduction in the charges for printed matter furnished by the Grand Lodge of the United States, bringing it down to as nearly cost value as practicable.

3d. To advocate a reform and change in the constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the entire remodelling, even to the adoption of a new constitution. The prominent principles to be—

1st. Clearly, positively, and accurately defining the powers, privileges, and rights of that body, restraining it to what is expressed, reserving all powers not guaranteed that body to State jurisdictions.

2d. In defining the powers of the Grand Lodge of the United States that it be constituted only a high court of appeals, having no control over the constitution, laws, and legislation of State Grand Bodies, except of a revisory character, then only on appeals.

3d. Reorganize its legislative department that the representation shall be in ratio of constituency, guarantying to each Grand Body one Representative, additional ones in ratio of membership.

4th. Making the sessions biennial or triennial.

5th. To provide for a board of elective judicial officers (in case of biennial or triennial sessions) to meet at stated times to hear and determine upon appeals, grievances, granting of charters, &c. The proceedings had to be subject to the revision of the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next subsequent sitting.

6th. To restrict the accumulation in the treasury of a fund beyond the amount actually required for annual expenses, to prohibit the dealing in or purchase of stocks, the loaning of money, the purchase of real estate, the holding of property of all kinds whatsoever, save only such as may be required in the offices and for the supply of Subordinate and State Bodies.

8th. To prohibit the ever establishing of a National Institution of any character whatever by the Grand Lodge of the United States, or having any interest whatever in any such.

4th. To exercise all influence possible to prevent the merging of the Subordinate and Encampment departments of the Order. To protest most emphatically against the violation or restriction by that body of the rights, powers, and privileges vested in us and by us in part delegated to our Subordinates.

5th. The recognition of the true source of all power and authority as being in the membership at large; that the sovereignty rests in them, and that the rights and powers of State Grand Bodies and of the Grand Lodge of the United States are only delegated ones.

Rep. Vansant, of Md., moved to lay the paper on the table.

The question being on the motion to lay on the table—

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, called the yeas and nays, which were not ordered; and the motion to lay on the table recurring, it was adopted.

Rep. Crutcher, of Miss., presented certain resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, suggesting that the Degree of Rebekah be conferred on the widows of scarlet members of the Order, and moved their reference to the Committee on the State of the Order, which was agreed to.

Rep. Harmon, of Me., presented a petition from the Grand Lodge of Maine, touching its indebtedness to the Grand Lodge of the United States, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Dibble, of N. N. Y., presented the following inquiries from the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, which, on his motion, were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Has a Subordinate Lodge the right, under any circumstances, to decline admitting a visiting brother, either of its own or another jurisdiction, if he is correct in the usual forms required?

A brother leaves for California in good health, and while at the mines, by imprudence and exposure, contracts a disease from which he gets better, and has subsequently a relapse upon returning to the mines, from the effects of all which he is rendered incapable, on his return home, of following his usual employment; does, therefore, a member of the Order who risks his health in a different and more hazardous clime and occupation than when he joined the Order, and thereby contracts a disease, forfeit his claim to the benefits to which he would be entitled, in case of sickness, were he engaged in his ordinary occupation as provided by the by-laws of his lodge?

Rep. Cassady, of N. J., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Sire do proceed to call the several Grand Bodies subordinate to this, by States, and that the Representatives, upon such call, present such business as they may have in charge.

The States being called in conformity to the order just adopted—

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., moved the following propositions to amend the Rules of Order, which were laid on the table, under the rule:

Amend rule 16, as follows: Strike out all after the word "decided" and insert: "No further debate shall take place, and the vote shall be taken, first on any amendments that may be pending, and next on the final question."

Add to the rules as follows: "No more than two amendments to a proposition shall be entertained at the same time: that is, an amendment, and an amendment to the amendment, and the question shall be first taken on the latter."

Strike out rule 37 as follows: The previous question cuts off all amendments.

Rep. Shaw, of La., presented two appeals from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which were referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Also, the following inquiries, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

"Has a Subordinate Lodge the right to grant leave of absence to the Noble Grand for the balance of a term, when such absence would embrace a longer period than a majority of nights of a term? and is a Noble Grand, having such leave of absence, entitled to the honors awarded for past official service?"

"Can a lodge reconsider a ballot on the election of a brother by card, and re-ballot on the same at a future meeting?"

Rep. Shaw, of La., asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the Grand Lodge to refer the following inquiry to the Committee on the State of the Order:

"Is there any law to prevent the Noble Grand from delivering the Junior Past Grand's charge at an initiation, in case there be no Past Grand to perform that duty? and cannot the Vice Grand deliver the same charge in case of the absence of his Noble Grand and a Past Grand?"

Rep. Shaw, of La., presented the following invitation from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which was unanimously accepted:

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY R. W. G. LODGE OF LOUISIANA,
NEW ORLEANS, SEPT. 1, 1852.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

At a regular meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, held August 17th, 1852, Deputy Grand Master Dunlap offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the Grand Officers and members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be, and they are hereby, respectfully invited to attend and participate in the ceremony of dedicating the Odd-Fellows' Hall of this city, which dedication will take place on the 22d of November next.

Faternally,

A true copy.

T. H. SHIELDS, *Grand Secretary*.

Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the Grand Lodge to refer the following inquiry to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Has a Subordinate Lodge the power to hold adjourned meetings, or must the weekly session end with the closing of the lodge?

Rep. Race, of La., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Encampment of Louisiana be and she is hereby authorized to amend her constitution in the manner following, viz:

Amend article vi. section 3, by striking out the word *fifteen*, in the third line, and inserting the word *five*.

Article vi. section 4, by striking out the word *fifteen*, and inserting the word *five*, and add to the same section, after the words "*paid for relief*," the following, viz. "and any encampment failing to comply with the requirements contained in sections 3 and 4 of this article shall be fined ten dollars for each failure."

Article iii. section 3, by striking out the whole section and substituting therefor the following, viz:

"The nomination and election of each elective officer shall take place at the regular annual session in January, in the order of enumeration in section 1st of this article."

Rep. Mulford, of N. J., presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Taylor, of N. J., presented the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the session of 1849, appropriated the sum of eight thousand dollars for the purpose of relieving P. G. Sire Wildey, for which the Grand Lodge received certain securities, the revenue of which was to be used by P. G. Sire Wildey, and which, it appears, is wholly inadequate for his relief, and application having been made to the several Grand Bodies for assistance without a general response; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to ascertain the nature and value of the securities so held, and the revenue derived therefrom, and report to this body by Thursday.

The Chair named Reps. Taylor, of N. J., Seymour, of S. C., and Hunter, of Va., as the committee above provided for.

Rep. Hackleman, of Ind., presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be, and are hereby instructed to endeavor to procure the passage of a law requiring all visiting and withdrawal cards issued to express the degree or rank of the recipient.

Rep. Dufour, of Ind., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law as to allow members of Subordinate Lodges to obtain visiting cards upon application to the Secretaries and Noble Grands of their respective lodges, instead of in open lodge.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That hereafter the R. W. Grand Treasurer of this R. W. Grand Lodge shall be required, previous to his installation, to furnish good and sufficient bond to the satisfaction of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, presented an appeal from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Texas, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Also, various propositions from the Grand Lodge of Texas relating to the work of the Order, all of which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Gyles, of S. C., presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Steele, of N. C., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Resolved, That section 15, article 3, div. 3, of Digest, is in conflict with the powers conferred on the Vice Grand in the secret work of the Order.

Rep. Billinghamurst, of Wis., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be and is hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing further appropriate opening and closing ceremonies to the Degree of Rebekah, and if deemed expedient to report such ceremonies at the present session. And that the same committee inquire into and report upon the expediency of making provision for the admission of ladies into the lodge room during the installation of officers of Grand and Subordinate Lodges.

Also, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Hardie, of Iowa, moved the following resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on Finance :

Resolved, That the price of the book of the degree of Rebekah be reduced to the sum of fifty cents for each number sold from and after the passage of this resolution.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to place to the credit of each Grand Lodge or Subordinate under the direct jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge the sum of fifty cents for each copy of said book sold to such Grand or Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. Dibble, of N. N. Y., moved the following resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be and they hereby are required to prepare and report a form of ceremonies for dedicating the halls of State Grand and Subordinate Lodges.

Resolved, That Grand Lodges subordinate to this R. W. Grand Body be and they are hereby authorized to confer the degree of Rebekah upon the widows and daughters of age of scarlet degree members, in their discretion.

Rep. Dibble, of N. N. Y., moved the following resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Resolved, That State Grand Bodies subordinate to this be, and they hereby are authorized and empowered to permit the daughters of Rebekah to be present at the installation of officers.

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be and they hereby are instructed to prepare an appropriate work of the Order in connexion with the degree of Rebekah.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he hereby is required to procure the degree of Rebekah to be printed in the German language for the use of our German brethren.

Rep. Dibble, of N. N. Y., moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That all amendments to the constitution of this Grand Lodge, presented at the last session, be made the special order for to-morrow at one o'clock, and for every day thereafter until disposed of, and that the same be taken up in the order of the several articles of the constitution, and all amendments to each article be considered in such order.

Rep. Annors, of Pa., submitted the following inquiry, which was, by general consent, referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Has the Noble Grand or Secretary the power to give a travelling card to a brother, under any circumstances, unless the same be applied for in open lodge?

Rep. Vansant, of Md., presented the appeal of Franklin Lodge, of Maryland, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Askew, of Del., submitted the following amendment to the constitution, which was laid on the table :

Amend article 22 of constitution, as amended at the last session, by striking out the word "fifty" and inserting "thirty."

Rep. Askew, of Del., presented the amended constitution of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Potts, of Ill., presented the petition of the Subordinate Lodges of Minnesota, praying for a Grand Lodge charter, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., the election of Grand Officers was made the special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Rep. Kempton, of Ga., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure and furnish to each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment under this jurisdiction a book of diagrams of the work of the Order, relating to their respective branches, and that said Grand Lodges and Encampments shall be furnished the same at the original cost.

Rep. Manchester, of R. I., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which, by unanimous consent, was considered and adopted, and the papers referred as recommended by the committee.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the applications of Sacramento Lodge, No. 2, and San Francisco Lodge, No. 3, respect-

fully report, that as said petitioners seek relief in matters of financial interest only, it would therefore more properly fall to the consideration of the Committee on Finance.

H. A. MANCHESTER,

R. J. NEWBY,

W. S. MUNDAY.

Rep. Crickard, of La., was excused from service on the Committee on Finance, and the Chair named Rep. Shaw, of La., to supply the vacancy.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21—Nine o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Wm. W. Moore, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Junius M. Willey, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Askew, of Del., presented the credentials of Rob. H. Clarke, of Del., which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary made his usual Annual Report, the reading of which was dispensed with, and two thousand copies thereof ordered to be printed. The report is as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, in conformity to law, herewith submits the Annual Report of his office. The following resolutions embody the several subjects of duty enjoined upon him during the recess:

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are eminently due to P. G. S. Robert H. Griffin, for his efficient discharge of the duties of the office of Grand Sire for the past two years, and for the able, impartial, urbane, and courteous manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body during its sessions.

Resolved further, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to present, on behalf of this Grand Lodge, to P. G. S. Robert H. Griffin, a diploma embodying on the face thereof the foregoing resolution, duly attested with the seal of the Grand Lodge and the signatures of the Grand Officers.—Page 1693 *Journal*.

Resolved, That the Grand Masters of the various Grand Lodges of this jurisdiction be requested, immediately after the receipt by them of this resolution, to issue notice to the various Subordinate Lodges, soliciting, for the relief of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands, the contribution of a sum not exceeding one dollar from each Subordinate Lodge, and transmit the same directly to the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, at Baltimore, at their earliest convenient time, to be appropriated by him to the payment of the debts due by Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands, for the erection of a hall, to an amount not to exceed \$2,000, and the surplus, if any, to be remitted to said lodge, as trustee, for the sole and exclusive purpose of establishing a fund for the relief of travelling brothers in those far distant islands of the sea, and to be used for no other purpose.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States be directed to transmit a copy of these resolutions, at the earliest practicable moment, to the Grand Masters of the various jurisdictions, and also to the Subor-

dinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, and request their early attention to the subject.—*Page 1742 Journal.*

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses for a Portrait of Past Grand Sire Robert H. Griffin, when the same shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary, in the city of Baltimore.—*Page 1752 Journal.*

Resolved, That the members of this body be respectfully urged, at as early a date as possible, to endeavor to obtain from the respective Grand Lodges of which they are members an annual appropriation of forty dollars, to continue during the life of P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, and to be applied to his support.

Resolved, That in the event of such appropriation being made by any Grand Lodge, such Grand Lodge be requested to have the same paid over to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and by him the amounts so received shall be paid over to P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey.—*Page 1754 Journal.*

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to address a circular letter to each Grand Master under this jurisdiction, requesting them to refer the subject of the foregoing report and resolutions to their respective Grand Lodges.

Resolved, That a select committee of three be appointed for the purpose of reviewing and accepting, if approved by them, the Index to the Journals of the Grand Lodge of the United States, now in course of preparation, under the order of the last session.

Resolved, That said committee be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for such amount of compensation to the author of said Index as in their judgment the same may be worth, not exceeding, however, the sum of \$500.

Resolved, That said committee also contract for the new engravings for the work, referred to in the above report, and have power to sit during the recess, and that the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to them the same mileage and per diem now allowed to Grand Representatives, upon the certificate of the Grand Secretary; provided, however, that per diem shall not be allowed for a longer time than one week, or mileage be charged for each mile travelled from their respective residences to the place of meeting and back again for one time only.—*Page 1755 Journal.*

Resolved, That the Recording Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to procure forthwith a set of full bound books—to open them by double-entry—to keep separate accounts with ODES, CARDS, DIPLOMAS, each kind of DEGREE, WORKING AND OTHER BOOKS—showing their cost, receipts for sale, the number printed, and the number disposed of—also, nominal accounts with CHARTERS, REPRESENTATIVE TAX, SUBORDINATE TAX, &c.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he hereby is directed to take immediate steps to collect the amounts reported as due on schedule A, and to prefer charges against any and all of the individuals there named in the lodge to which they respectively belong, in the event of their neglect or refusal to pay the amounts they have collected for this Grand Lodge.—*Page 1780 Journal.*

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have printed — copies of the digest of the rules, for the use of the members of this body.—*Page 1782 Journal.*

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish a copy of the revised edition of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, from its foundation to and including the present session, to the members of this Grand Lodge, (as soon as the same have been published,) whenever called for.—*Page 1783 Journal.*

Resolved, That the Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to have the drawing of the seal designed for the block of marble, &c. placed in a suitable frame, and draw on the Grand Treasurer for cost of the same.—*Page 1785 Journal.*

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure Regalia for the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge.—*Page 1788 Journal.*

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure desks and chairs for this hall, for the use of such of the Representatives from State Grand Lodges and Encampments as are now without them.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby directed to have all pending amendments to the Constitution arranged and printed in the same form as those used at this session, and ready for use at the opening of the session of 1852.—*Page 1790 Journal*.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary notify the various Encampments of the change in the O. B. N. of that degree.—*Page 1796 Journal*.

Resolved, That the price of the bound volume, to be printed under the direction of the Grand Secretary, of the Ladies' Degree, shall be fixed at one dollar, and that as soon as printed and bound the Grand Secretary shall furnish them to Grand Lodges at that price.—*Page 1303 Journal*.

The first and second resolutions have been complied with, and the distinguished brother, to whom the compliment has been so deservedly tendered by the Grand Lodge, has been placed in possession of a diploma, "embodying on the face of it the unanimous vote of thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States," prepared in handsome style of penmanship.

Soon after the close of the last session the Corresponding Secretary prepared a circular, in conformity with the directions of the third and fourth resolutions, embodying the enactment therein contained, by which the aid of the Order at large was invoked in behalf of our distant brethren of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, of the Sandwich Islands. This circular was addressed to the Grand Masters of the various State jurisdictions, and also to the several Subordinate Lodges under this immediate jurisdiction. It is a source of the most unfeigned gratification to the undersigned to report that the appeal thus made, for the purpose of enabling our brethren of that jurisdiction to erect an "Odd-Fellows' Hall," has been responded to with a liberality and promptitude characteristic of the true principles of Odd-Fellowship, and in the highest degree creditable to the Order at large. The amount received has been carried to the credit of a fund denominated the "Honolulu Hall Fund," and amounts to the sum of \$1,121.50, up to September 1, 1852.

The several amounts contributed, and the lodges by which contributed, with their respective names and location, forming a detailed interesting table, is herewith submitted for the information of the Grand Lodge, for the satisfaction of the donors, and that it may appear upon the record as a bright example to our posterity of the practical fruits of an affiliation which has never yet wearied in its ministrations upon the altar of an enlarged humanity.

These resolutions direct that the several contributions for this object, when received by the Corresponding Secretary, "shall be appropriated by him to the payment of the debts due by Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Islands, for the erection of a hall, to an amount not to exceed \$2,000, and the surplus, if any, to be remitted to said lodge, as trustee, for the sole and exclusive purpose of establishing a fund for the relief of travelling brothers in those far distant islands of the sea, and to be used for no other purpose." The trust thus committed to the Corresponding Secretary has not been discharged: first, because the funds contributed reached the hands of that officer in sums so small as would have rendered it, in his judgment, unwise and difficult to remit as received by him; and secondly, because it was believed by that officer

that it would be fruitless to transmit any portion of this fund, unless there was good assurance that the whole amount needed, or at least a very considerable portion of it, could be supplied. For these and other reasons the undersigned preferred paying over to the Treasurer this fund, as received, which that officer, although not required by the law to take charge of, kindly consented to receive. This fund is now in his hands, and the undersigned suggests that the Grand Lodge provide, at its present session, for its proper disposition.

In obedience to the fifth resolution the undersigned has certified to the Treasurer the receipt of the portrait of P. G. Sire Robert H. Griffin, at his office, executed most faithfully by an artist of the city of New York; and that officer has accordingly paid the sum of one hundred dollars appropriated for that object.

The subject of the sixth, seventh, and eighth resolutions has had, as it deserved, the prompt attention of the Corresponding Secretary. A circular letter, embodying the report of the committee with the accompanying resolutions, was addressed, at an early day after the adjournment of the last session, to each of the Grand Masters of the State jurisdictions, earnestly pressing the claims and services of the venerable P. G. Sire, Thomas Wilkey, upon their attention. I have to regret that favorable responses have been received but from a few of the State Grand Lodges. The following comprise all that have contributed to the object so eloquently advocated by the report of the committee, making in the aggregate a subscription of but \$230, to wit: Louisiana, \$40; Illinois, \$40; British North America, \$50; Missouri, \$40; South Carolina, \$40; Arkansas, \$20. The amount received has been paid to P. G. Sire Wilkey, as directed by the eighth resolution, vouchers for which accompany this report. It is understood that the States of Maryland and Texas have also appropriated for this object, but these contributions have not yet been received.

The ninth, tenth, and eleventh resolutions provide for the appointment of a committee for the purpose of revising the Index to the new edition of the Journal, the payment of the compensation appropriated for that object, the supply of new engravings for the work, and mileage and per diem for said committee whilst engaged in the performance of their duties. These resolutions also provide that the Grand Corresponding Secretary shall certify to the number of days attendance and mileage of said committee. The latter provision is strictly all that concerned the undersigned, yet believing it to be his duty, in the possible contingency of that committee making no report in the early part of the session, to explain the reasons of the delay in the production of the new edition of the Journals, he begs to be permitted to say, that the preparation of the Index, as he advised the Grand Lodge at the last session, was committed to the hands of the M. W. Grand Sire, William W. Moore, and that the magnitude of the work, in view of the precision and great accuracy necessary to render it a valuable production, has caused, notwithstanding the diligent labor of the author, a very considerable delay; yet the greater delay, by far, has been occasioned by the resolution directing the annexation of the proceedings of the last session

to the work, and the supply of entire new engravings. The preparation of the Index was necessarily delayed to await the stereotyping and publication of the Journal of the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the necessity of sending the portraits and daguerreotype likenesses of the Past Grand Sires on to New York, in which city the engravings were contracted to be executed, further procrastinated the completion of the work. The committee to whom the revision of the work was entrusted having determined not to incur the expense authorized, by meeting at Baltimore or some other place for the purpose of examining the manuscript, it became necessary to transmit the Index by mail, as it was prepared and ready for the press, to their respective residences for their examination, and hence further delay was superinduced. Under all these adverse circumstances, nevertheless, two volumes of the new work, it is confidently believed, will be on the desks of the Officers and Representatives during the present session. The undersigned submits that the labor attendant upon the preparation of this Index, and the general supervision and correction of the entire proof sheets of the work, is but inadequately compensated by the appropriation of the last session.

The twelfth resolution directs the Corresponding Secretary to open a new set of books by double entry, and to keep separate accounts with Odes, Cards, Diplomas, &c. This resolution the undersigned has essayed to obey, although he confesses that, in his judgment, it is impossible to assimilate the accounts of his office strictly to those of a commercial house. The business transactions of the Grand Lodge of the United States are peculiar to itself, and the habit of the various Grand Bodies of deferring the larger amount of their payment until the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States has commenced, and, in fact, often to a late period in the session, all of which payments are included in the investigations and report of the Finance Committee, render it utterly impracticable for the Corresponding Secretary to balance his books, and to exhibit a balance sheet in time for the Committee on Finance. The plan heretofore adopted has, by reason of its simplicity, always commended itself to the undersigned, and, with the addition of a stock account, would, it seems, exhibit a clear statement of the revenue of the lodge and the real fiscal condition of the body at every session. That plan has been to enter upon the journal every transaction of the day, whether Dr. or Cr., and to post these entries from the journal to a ledger, in which an account is opened with each Grand and Subordinate Body to whom supplies are furnished, these transactions being for the most part for cash. The balances appearing upon this ledger are exhibited by a statement accompanying the Annual Report, and from what bodies due; and a detailed statement of all sums received, from whom received, and for what object, likewise appears. Thus the amount received, and amount due, is at once seen, to which, if the invested capital, consisting of public securities, loans, and stock on hand, be added, a correct view of the assets of the body may at once be had. In addition to which, the whole Order, and every department, whether Grand or Subordinate Bodies, having transactions with this office, have before them at each

Annual Session a detailed printed account of all moneys paid by them, so that if error or design operate to prejudice their money relations with the Grand Lodge of the United States, the means of detection and correction are at once within their reach. The plan now directed contemplates a system of double entry, with separate accounts for every article of supply bought or sold from this office, "showing their cost, receipts for sale, the number printed, and the number disposed of; also, nominal accounts with charters, representative tax, &c." The only gain to the lodge by the substitution of this plan, if it were strictly practicable, in view of the peculiar mode and time of receiving the larger part of your returns, it appears to the undersigned, would be in the fact that the stock account and its relative profit and loss would appear. If the receipts of the office were made during the fiscal year, as they are made in commercial houses, from time to time, up to a given day, when leisure was at hand to post the accounts and exhibit a balance sheet, no difficulty could exist; but when it is recollected, that out of an average revenue of \$12,000 per annum nearly one-half of the whole is paid during the session, it will be found to be wholly impracticable for the Grand Secretary to post his books in season for the Committee on Finance. The undersigned has, nevertheless, obeyed the order of the last session, as far as it was possible to comply, and will present his fiscal accounts, including a stock account, showing the cost and sale price respectively.

The thirteenth resolution directs the Corresponding Secretary to take immediate steps to collect the amounts reported as due in schedule A, and to prefer charges against any and all individuals, in the lodges to which they respectively belong, in the event of their neglect or refusal to pay. In obedience to this resolution, the undersigned, on the 5th day of March, 1852, addressed a circular letter to each individual in debt to the Grand Lodge of the United States, enclosing a copy of the above resolution, and earnestly inviting his attention to the subject. No reply has been received to these communications, except from Bro. Charles H. Constable, late District Deputy Grand Sire for Illinois, expressing his readiness to settle, without delay, his accounts, if certain credits claimed to be due him were allowed. Having no authority to allow the credits claimed, the correspondence upon the subject is respectfully submitted. Believing that a reasonable delay was proper to be allowed to the parties concerned, before carrying into effect the direction contained in the latter part of the resolution, to wit, to prefer charges against the delinquents, I have not proceeded further than to notify them of your purpose in that respect.

The duty imposed by the fourteenth resolution has not been performed, in consequence of the non-receipt of the manuscript copy of the Digest of the Rules of Order from the committee to whom the subject was committed.

The failure of the undersigned to receive the revised edition of the Journal has prevented him from a compliance with the fifteenth resolution; so soon as the work is received the copies designated will be distributed, in conformity with the resolution, if it be the pleasure of the Grand Lodge.

The drawing of the seal designed for the block of marble contributed by the Grand Lodge to the Washington Monument has been placed in a suitable frame, and is now suspended in the office of the Corresponding Secretary; the cost of which has been liquidated, as directed by the sixteenth resolution, and proper vouchers for which will appear in the Grand Treasurer's report.

The seventeenth resolution has been complied with, and the new regalia is now in possession of the Grand Lodge.

The eighteenth resolution has also been complied with, and the additional desks and chairs therein ordered have been furnished, of the same style and quality as those now in use, and at the same price.

In obedience to the nineteenth resolution, I herewith submit a printed schedule of the pending amendments to the constitution, arranged in juxtaposition with the respective articles of the constitution proposed to be amended, for the convenience of the Representatives.

At an early day after the close of the last session, the undersigned addressed a circular letter to the various Grand Encampments, as directed by the twentieth resolution, notifying them of the change in the O. B. N. of that branch of the Order.

The twenty-first resolution refers to the printing and distribution of the lecture book of the degree of Rebekah, adopted at the last session. That work was not in hand, ready for distribution, until the 6th day of December, 1851, when it was immediately distributed, to the most remote jurisdictions first, in order that it might be put in operation simultaneously throughout the Order on the first day of January, 1852, at the price of one dollar, as prescribed in the resolution. The first edition put to press was three thousand copies, which being very soon exhausted, a second edition of a like number was accordingly ordered, of which there remained less than one half on hand at the time of the preparation of this report, which will be, doubtless, further reduced during the session.

The usual official correspondence has been voluminous during the past year, all of which is herewith submitted, and from which the undersigned presents the following abstract:

Great Britain.—A communication, dated London, April 30, 1852, and signed "on behalf of the Central Corresponding Delegate Committee of England," by P. G. M. L. M. Clogg, P. G. M. P. L. Mair, and P. G. P. L. M. F. Wood, Corresponding Secretary, has been received at this office, addressed to the Grand Lodge of the United States, which earnestly advocates a union of that Order with this jurisdiction. This paper purports to be the act of a committee authorized by a Delegate Meeting of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of England, which meeting, it is alleged, represented two hundred and thirty-three thousand Odd-Fellows. The circumstances connected with the severance of the Order in the two countries are of record, and fresh, doubtless, in the recollections of the Brotherhood. The Grand Lodge of the United States, prompted by the most generous impulses of humanity, and at a very considerable expense, sent across the Atlantic a special delegation for the purpose of identifying the work of Odd-Fellowship throughout the Earth. The Order in Great Britain, repre-

sented by the Manchester Unity, did not meet that magnanimous motive in a kindred spirit. Upon the return of your delegates you promptly declared for a severance of the Union; that divorce still continues, and a branch of the Brotherhood in England now approach you suggesting a renewal of fraternal relations. This organization is known in that country as the "London Order of Odd-Fellows," and is wholly independent of the Manchester Unity, the only body of Odd-Fellows with which the Grand Lodge of the United States ever held fellowship in England. With the London Order we have never affiliated, having always recognised the various organizations of Odd-Fellows in England, outside of the Manchester Unity, as schismatic. In the judgment of the undersigned, if Odd-Fellowship, as practised in the London Order, bears any resemblance to that of the Manchester Unity, of which fact he cannot permit himself to doubt, a union with such an organization of Odd-Fellows is in no way desirable; and the single condition upon which such a proposition would deserve notice, would be the adoption by that Order of the entire work of the Order as practised in this jurisdiction, and the substitution of the elevated moral of the American Order for the conviviality which characterize the lodge meetings throughout England. In other words, a conformation to the relation which our English brethren, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British North America, bear towards us, in all respects, ought to be a *sine qua non* in the consideration of this subject. The papers relating to this application are herewith submitted, and it is respectfully suggested that the subject might be appropriately referred to the Grand Lodge of British North America.

British North America.—No communication during the recess has been received from the Grand Lodge of British North America. The undersigned had, however, the pleasure of a conference with J. Maclaren, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec, duly accredited as such by the Grand Sire of that jurisdiction. This distinguished brother visited the cities of Baltimore and Philadelphia, and upon his return home, in a communication dated Quebec, Canada East, 24th February, 1852, begs the undersigned to express to the brethren of those two cities "his sincere thanks for the great kindness shown him, and for the interchange of fraternal sentiments and valuable information afforded him." The same communication conveys the agreeable information, that, "although the Order under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British North America does not present the same noble aspect which it exhibits in the United States," yet the writer "is happy to say that there are yet some noble spirits among the brethren in Canada, and it only requires a more intimate communication with our American brethren to catch a spark of the fire that burns so brightly with them." Accompanying this communication a series of resolutions, unanimously passed by the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec, appropriating fifty dollars in aid of the "Wilkey Annuity," together with a draft for that amount, were also received. In view of the apparently feeble condition of the Order in British North America, it would seem to be the duty of the Grand Lodge of the United States to make an effort to inspire the Brotherhood in that jurisdiction with renewed

energy. To this subject the attention of the Representatives is earnestly invited.

Michigan.—The Order in Michigan continues to be in the highest degree prosperous.

Vermont.—The report of the present efficient District Deputy Grand Sire for Vermont states "that the Subordinate Lodges are generally in a very healthy condition and are increasing, but the encampment branch of the Order does not succeed so well." I herewith submit a communication from the late District Deputy Grand Sire, Bro. Eli Ballou, touching his accounts.

Maine.—The efficient Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, Bro. Kingsbury, has, during the year, corresponded with this office, and I have but little doubt, from the supplies obtained, that the Subordinates of that State are in a prosperous condition. The Grand Lodge of the State is making an honorable effort to free herself from indebtedness to the Grand Lodge of the United States, for which purpose she asks a reasonable indulgence, which, it is to be hoped, will be granted, in view of her embarrassed financial condition.

Massachusetts.—I have to reiterate the report made at the last session in relation to this jurisdiction. The average strength of the Order continues in both branches, and general health prevails throughout the jurisdiction.

New Hampshire.—From this State the correspondence has been exclusively of a business character, from which I infer that the Order is advancing.

Rhode Island.—There has been no official correspondence with this Grand Lodge during the year; from the Annual Report I learn that the Order continues to prosper throughout the State.

Connecticut.—Odd-Fellowship in this State is prosperous under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge; but the patriarchal department appears to have been sadly neglected. Bro. Lucius F. Thomas, Past Grand Representative, has been chosen Grand Scribe, and has been exerting himself, with great earnestness, to reanimate the Order in that branch, and from his characteristic zeal and perseverance much is to be expected.

New York.—The Order in both jurisdictions appears to enjoy a reasonable degree of prosperity; in the Northern Grand Lodge a large increase of lodges and accession of membership has taken place.

Pennsylvania.—In the absence of the Annual Report of that vast jurisdiction, the materials in the hands of the undersigned are entirely too meager to justify any attempt to define the condition of the Order in that State. Enough is known, however, to assure the brotherhood that the progress of the Order continues to be unabated, and the increase of lodges and membership is co-extensive with that of the past year.

New Jersey.—The highest degree of prosperity prevails in both branches of the Order in this State, and to the untiring and self-sacrificing energy of the late Grand Master, Joseph Wood, of that jurisdiction, the Order owes a lasting obligation. This efficient officer visited nearly every lodge in the State in person during his term of office.

Delaware.—The Order continues to advance with healthful steps in Delaware.

Maryland.—In no part of our extended jurisdiction does Odd-Fellowship occupy a prouder position than in Maryland. Peace and the most abundant prosperity prevails within her borders.

District of Columbia.—Odd-Fellowship continues to enjoy a healthful existence in this jurisdiction, and maintains its usual strength. The Annual Report is received.

Virginia.—The return from Virginia presents a gratifying condition of the Order, showing, in the language of the Worthy Grand Master, “a steady increase of numbers as well as peace and happiness within the jurisdiction.”

North Carolina.—Odd-Fellowship advances in both departments, and the spirit of harmony and brotherly love prevails within the State.

South Carolina.—In this jurisdiction a healthy condition of the Order is preserved, and, although the increase is not commensurate with its growth in former years, Odd-Fellowship maintains its elevated position in South Carolina.

Georgia.—In Georgia the Order prospers and increases in both branches.

Florida.—Since the formation of the Grand Lodge of Florida but little correspondence has been had with the Grand Officers. There are six Subordinates at work within the State, all of which are believed to be in a prosperous condition. The encampment branch, under the jurisdiction of District Deputy Grand Sire Papy, has not as yet been reported from.

Mississippi.—I am again indebted to that indefatigable Odd-Fellow, and most efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. John B. Dicks, for his usual annual report of the condition of the Order in Mississippi, of which he writes, under date of July 28, 1852, “I am pleased to say that there is a steady progress of the Order in this jurisdiction, and unusual harmony prevails.” I am also in receipt of the report of the Grand Encampment of Mississippi, from Grand Scribe Vennigerholz.

Alabama.—From the Annual Report, received from this State, it appears that the Order continues to advance in Alabama. There has been six new lodges instituted during the year.

Louisiana.—Odd-Fellowship continues to move forward with unabated strength in this State. The Brotherhood in New Orleans have erected a magnificent hall, for the accommodation of the lodges and encampments in that city, and have also, for several years past, interred their deceased members in a cemetery exclusively consecrated as a final resting place for their own membership.

Missouri.—To that zealous Odd-Fellow, G. Secretary J. M. Veitch, of this jurisdiction, I am indebted for regular official correspondence. His last favor informs me that “Missouri is all right. Lodges and membership increasing steadily, if not rapidly; our last number is 54, at Oregon.”

Illinois.—From the limited advices from this State enough is gleaned to enable me to report the Order in a most healthful and prosperous condition.

Indiana.—It is with great pleasure that I present to the Representatives a gratifying picture of the condition of Odd-Fellowship in Indiana, in both branches. At the late session of the Grand Lodge of that State charters were granted to eight new lodges, the last number being 118. The Grand Encampment has been no less prosperous, having thirty Subordinates at work, and is entitled, at this session, to one additional Representative, who will be present. The Order in this jurisdiction is, in all respects, in a most flourishing condition. The membership now reaches 5,111.

Ohio.—The efficient Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Bro. Alexander E. Glenn, in transmitting the Annual Report of that vast jurisdiction, remarks, "that it affords him the most unfeigned gratification to assure me that Odd-Fellowship in Ohio is in a most prosperous, flourishing, and harmonious condition. Never was it more so. We have added largely to our numbers, and the Order has been the means of extending great relief to the needy and distressed." The increase of lodges during the year has been seventeen, and of members nearly two thousand.

Kentucky.—The Annual Report of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, made in due season, exhibits a gratifying increase of the Order in that jurisdiction.

Tennessee.—But little information has been received of the progress of the Order in this State. There can be no doubt, however, from the former active administration of its affairs in that jurisdiction, and the efficiency of its Grand Officers and Representatives, that Odd-Fellowship has had a season of prosperity in Tennessee during the past year.

Arkansas.—The Grand Lodge of this State has had a respectable accession of strength to her Subordinates since the last Annual Report. District Deputy Grand Sire James M. Danley has attentively supervised the Patriarchal branch in that jurisdiction, and promptly transmitted their returns. I regret to report that this worthy brother declines to serve another year as District Deputy Grand Sire for that district.

Wisconsin.—In this State the Order is in the highest degree prosperous. Grand Master Wakely represents the Order "to be flourishing, with fifty-eight lodges in active operation."

Iowa.—I have great pleasure in reporting that the Grand Encampment of this State, after a delay of more than one year, has at length been organized under the most flattering auspices. It will be seen, from the report of District Deputy Grand Sire Amos Mathews, that it became necessary to reclaim the charter of State Encampment, No. 3, of that State, for refusal to settle their dues with the Grand Lodge of the United States, more than two years arrears. The charter, books, and funds (to wit, \$20) were transmitted to this office, to await the disposition of the Grand Lodge of the United States. It is respectfully recommended that the funds be paid over to the Grand Encampment of Iowa, to be restored to State Encampment, if, at any time hereafter, said camp should be re-established. The Subordinates under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Iowa are all in prosperous circum-

stances. District Deputy Grand Sire Amos Mathews claims indemnity for expenses incurred in reclaiming charter of State Encampment, which being but just and reasonable, payment is respectfully recommended. The amount asked is \$10.

Texas.—The report of the Grand Lodge of Texas exhibits a high degree of prosperity in that jurisdiction. There are now twenty-three Subordinate Lodges at active work in the State, whose aggregate membership exceeds six hundred. When it is recollected that the Order struggled for many years, with a bare existence, in that remote region, the progress now exhibited will be more fully appreciated. Herewith an application is presented for an additional encampment in that State.

Sandwich Islands.—Two reports have been received from Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, Oahu, from which it appears that the lodge consists of sixty-eight members; that the receipts for these terms were \$593.11, and the expenditures for relief \$370.00; the whole of which, it is represented, was disbursed for "brothers of the Order not members of the lodge." This information, it is hoped, may serve to quicken the action of the lodges in the United States which have not yet contributed to the "Honolulu Hall Fund."

Oregon.—Since your last session application has been received for the organization of a lodge to be located at Salem, Marion County, Oregon Territory, to be called "Chenieketa" Lodge, No. 1. This application has been granted, and the deputation to institute it committed to P. G. E. M. Barnum, of that city, whose qualification was properly avouched. It will be recollected that a charter was formerly granted for Oregon Lodge, No. 1, at Oregon city, but the Lodge was never opened, and the warrant never heard of.* This, therefore, is the first lodge in that distant Territory. The applicants represent that "Salem is the seat of government of the Territory, and that a numerous and healthy lodge will in a short time be built up in that city."

California.—I am in possession of a fund of varied information from this State, all of which tends to one conclusion, that for want of proper information and instruction, the Order, although numerous and prosperous, is sadly benighted, so far as the proper conduct of the work is concerned. It will be recollected that at the session of 1848 A. V. Fraser was appointed D. D. G. Sire for the Pacific coast, with plenipotentary power to institute lodges in that region of country. This brother came to the Grand Lodge of the United States highly recommended from the District of Columbia, having for several years been connected with the Treasury Department. He was the appointee of the Government to the command of the revenue service in that part of the Pacific Ocean. A brother of high character, occupying a high official position, and a devoted Odd-Fellow, the Grand Lodge gladly availed itself of his generously proffered services, to spread the blessings of Odd-Fellowship throughout this interesting part of the Union. He was duly commissioned with full power to establish the Order on the Pacific coast, and supplied with blank warrants, books, and every necessary material to carry out the purpose of his mission. California

* By a report recently received from D. D. G. Sire Fraser it appears that this warrant was used for Excelsior Lodge, Honolulu, now cancelled and returned by him.

Lodge, No. 1, was alone instituted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, directly. From the period of this appointment, and the embarkation of this brother, no official return was received until very recently, although rumors had frequently reached this office that lodges of Odd-Fellows had been established in various parts of the State of California. The Corresponding Secretary is in receipt of a communication from Special District Deputy Grand Sire Fraser, dated at New York on the 18th day of July last, from which he learns that that officer had been earnestly engaged in the spread of our Order in that country, and that he had established several lodges, a full report of which he would make to your present session. The undersigned also received the balance of the supplies remaining on hand from that officer, a schedule of which is herewith presented. During this year the undersigned has received reports and communications from several lodges and individuals in this State, not yet recognised for want of returns from the District Deputy Grand Sire. It will become necessary, in the continued absence of such returns, for the Grand Lodge to adopt some measure to protect the lodges claiming to belong to our jurisdiction, of whose organization by your authority no official report has yet been received. I herewith also report an interesting letter from Brother Samuel H. Parker, formerly a Grand Representative of New Hampshire, now a citizen of California. It will be seen, from a perusal of that communication, that this distinguished brother has not abated any of that devotion or zeal for the cause of Odd-Fellowship so earnestly displayed by him whilst a member of the Grand Lodge of the United States. He affectionately implores the attention of the Grand Lodge of the United States to the state of the Order in California, and suggests valuable advice. I respectfully commend this communication to your notice. I also herewith present several communications in the nature of complaints and petitions, also a communication from District Deputy Grand Sire Smily. I regret to say that no dues whatever, except the charter fee for California Lodge, No. 1, authorized directly by the Grand Lodge of the United States, have been received from any District Deputy Grand Sire, or any lodge whatever in the State of California; it nevertheless appears from their petitions that considerable sums have been paid by the lodges in that State, and they now earnestly, under the impression that the sums paid by them have found their way to your treasury, ask for the return of them, on the ground of their necessities. This subject requires investigation.

Since preparing the above, I am in receipt of an interesting report from District Deputy Grand Sire Fraser, herewith submitted.

Minnesota.—District Deputy Grand Sire John G. Potts, to whose care the Order in this Territory has been wisely committed by the Grand Sire, has furnished a highly gratifying and most interesting report of the healthy and prosperous condition of the Order in this jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge of the United States is under a lasting obligation to this indefatigable Odd-Fellow, for many valuable services heretofore rendered to the Order, but on no occasion more eminently so than for his earnest and persevering efforts in extending the Order into the distant country of Minnesota. His report of the opening of

Hennepin Lodge, No. 4, and his visitation to Minnesota, No. 1, at Stillwater, on Lake St. Croix, and St. Paul's, No. 2, at St. Anthony's Falls, is full of interest, and I commend it to your special attention. This officer has regularly transmitted the reports of the lodges and encampments under his jurisdiction, with their dues.

New Mexico.—I have to report that the Order is prosperous in this Territory. A report has been received of the organization of Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, and Paradise Lodge, No. 2, at Santa Fe, together with the semi-annual return of the former Lodge. A proper application has also been received for the exaltation of seven scarlet degree members, preliminary to forming an encampment, the commission for which object was duly issued to District Deputy Grand Sire J. D. Ellis. Some dissatisfaction has manifested itself in this jurisdiction, touching the social habits and morals of that community. Several communications on this subject, together with the proceedings thereon, are herewith submitted. Complaints have also been made of the qualifications and administration of the District Deputy Grand Sire, which are also submitted. I also submit the defence and Annual Report of District Deputy Grand Sire Ellis, of that jurisdiction.

The Journal of the last session was distributed when received from the printer, in the ratio prescribed by law.

The Constitution, By-Laws, and printed Proceedings of State Grand Bodies, and of Subordinates under their immediate jurisdiction, received at this office during the recess, are submitted for your approval.

Warrants have been issued during the year, with the approbation of the Grand Sire, as follows:

FOR GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

Iowa, at Muscatine.

FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Chenieketa, No. 1, Salem, Oregon.

Hennepin, No. 4, St. Paul's, Minnesota.

Paradise, No. 2, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

FOR SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENT.

Ancilla, No. 2, Monticello, Florida.

These applications, together with the returns of the organization of the new bodies, are herewith presented.

Herewith I present copies of the daily papers of the cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and Cincinnati, containing the advertisement directed to be made, by resolution of September session, 1849, for sealed proposals for printing the Journals of this body, together with such proposals as have been received.

As required by the several laws regulating this department, the following statement exhibits "the receipts of this office, from what source, and for what object," during the fiscal year 1851-52. A supplementary table will be submitted during the session, showing the further receipts of the Corresponding Secretary from the termination of the fiscal year up to the first day of the session, inclusive. The several amounts, in obedience to the provision on that subject, have been paid into the treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS of *Grand Sec'y* for the fiscal year 1851-52

DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1851. Sept. 17,	Grand Lodge of Tennessee.....	Books.	\$36 00	1
" 22,	Grand Encampment of New Hampshire.	"	1 00	5
" 22,	Grand Encampment of Rhode Island....	"	12 00	6
" 22,	Grand Lodge of Mississippi.....	"	36 00	8
" 22,	Grand Encampment of Louisiana.....	"	36 00	9
" 22,	Grand Lodge of Texas,.....	"	24 00	10
" 26,	Grand Lodge of Florida.....	"	40 00	12
" 27,	Grand Encampment of Maryland.....	"	12 00	13
Oct. 13,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	40 00	20
" 24,	Grand Lodge of British North America..	"	12 00	23
Nov. 1,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	20 00	24
" 12,	Grand Lodge of Illinois.....	"	52 00	26
" 17,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	20 00	29
" 24,	Grand Encampment of Kentucky.....	"	12 00	34
" 29,	Grand Lodge of Missouri.....	"	25 00	35
Dec. 6,	Grand Lodge of Connecticut.....	"	1 00	36
" 6,	Grand Lodge of Southern New York....	"	2 00	37
" 8,	Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania....	"	61 00	38
" 9,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	"	114 00	40
" 11,	Grand Lodge of Louisiana.....	"	178 00	42
" 12,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	"	30 00	43
" 13,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	200 00	44
" 24,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	200 00	46
" 24,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	"	50 00	47
" 26,	Grand Lodge of Vermont.....	"	10 00	48
" 29,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	"	139 00	50
1852. Jan. 2,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	"	50 00	51
" 5,	Grand Lodge of Southern New York....	"	230 00	52
" 7,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	"	30 00	53
" 7,	Grand Lodge of Georgia.....	"	50 00	54
" 10,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	40 00	56
" 10,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	"	50 00	58
" 12,	Grand Lodge of Florida.....	"	7 00	59
" 12,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	1 00	61
" 13,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	"	44 00	62
" 17,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	"	50 00	64
" 21,	Grand Lodge of Southern New York....	"	100 00	65
" 22,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	"	50 00	66
" 24,	Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.....	"	26 00	67
" 26,	Grand Lodge of North Carolina.....	"	31 50	68
" 26,	Grand Lodge of New Jersey.....	"	60 00	69
" 27,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	"	50 00	70
" 27,	Grand Lodge of Maryland.....	"	4 00	72
" 29,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	"	50 00	74
" 31,	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	"	460 00	75
Feb. 2,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	100 00	76
" 3,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	"	50 00	77
" 3,	Grand Lodge of District of Columbia...	"	20 00	78
" 9,	Grand Lodge of Connecticut.....	"	94 00	79
" 9,	Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.....	"	30 00	80
" 10,	Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.....	"	100 00	81
" 10,	Grand Lodge of New Jersey.....	"	50 00	82
" 11,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	20 00	83
" 14,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	"	30 00	84
" 14,	Grand Lodge of Southern New York....	"	30 00	85

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DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1852, Feb. 14,	Grand Lodge of Iowa.....	Books.	\$200 00	86
" 21,	Grand Lodge of New Jersey.....	"	53 00	87
" 23,	Grand Lodge of Vermont.....	"	20 00	88
" 23,	Grand Lodge of Illinois.....	"	280 00	89
" 23,	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	"	100 00	91
" 25,	Grand Lodge of Connecticut.....	"	38 00	92
" 26,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	"	15 00	94
" 26,	Grand Lodge of Delaware.....	"	50 00	95
" 28,	Grand Lodge of Missouri.....	"	40 00	96
Mar. 1,	Grand Lodge of Southern New York....	"	20 00	97
" 2,	Grand Lodge of Alabama.....	"	100 00	98
" 2,	Grand Lodge of Arkansas.....	"	20 00	99
" 4,	Grand Lodge of Kentucky.....	"	75 00	100
" 10,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	100 00	104
" 17,	Grand Lodge of Missouri.....	"	25 00	105
" 22,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	"	10 00	106
" 24,	Grand Lodge of New Jersey.....	"	22 00	107
" 25,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	32 00	108
" 26,	Grand Lodge of Southern New York....	"	20 00	109
" 27,	Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.....	"	5 00	111
" 29,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	"	10 00	113
April 5,	Grand Lodge of Mississippi.....	"	100 00	116
" 9,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	90 00	118
" 15,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	"	10 00	120
" 15,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	120 00	122
" 17,	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	"	30 00	123
" 22,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	100 00	124
" 26,	Grand Lodge of Illinois.....	"	53 00	125
" 29,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	20 00	129
" 29,	Grand Lodge of District of Columbia....	"	8 00	130
May 3,	Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, New Mexico.	"	1 00	131
" 4,	Grand Lodge of New Jersey.....	"	20 00	132
" 6,	Grand Lodge of Indiana.....	"	200 00	133
" 24,	Grand Lodge of Tennessee.....	"	100 00	135
" 28,	Wm. H. Tutthill, of Iowa.....	"	6 00	137
" 28,	Grand Lodge of Michigan.....	"	57 00	138
" 29,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	"	10 00	139
June 3,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	80 00	142
" 5,	Grand Lodge of Illinois.....	"	3 00	143
" 5,	Grand Encampment of Missouri.....	"	12 00	144
" 9,	Grand Lodge of Maine.....	"	15 00	145
" 12,	Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.....	"	24 00	147
" 23,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	20 00	149
July 5,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	"	10 00	153
" 6,	Grand Lodge of Texas, (Digests,).....	"	4 50	154
" 6,	Grand Lodge of South Carolina.....	"	50 00	155
" 6,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	"	50 00	157
" 16,	Grand Lodge of Missouri.....	"	10 00	159
" 19,	Grand Lodge of Maine.....	"	40 00	160
" 21,	Grand Lodge of Texas.....	"	110 00	163
" 28,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	"	10 00	167
" 30,	Grand Lodge of New Jersey.....	"	55 00	168
" 30,	Grand Lodge of Michigan.....	"	90 00	169
" 31,	Grand Lodge of Vermont.....	"	32 00	170
" 31,	Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.....	"	130 00	171

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DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1852. Aug. 5,	Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.....	Books.	\$46 00	173
“ 11,	Grand Lodge of South Carolina.....	“	32 00	176
“ 11,	Grand Lodge of Maryland.....	“	45 00	177
“ 26,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	“	10 00	187
“ 27,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	“	40 00	190
	Total for books.....		\$6,310 00	
1851. Sept. 17,	Grand Lodge of Tennessee.....	Cards.	\$30 00	1
“ 22,	Grand Lodge of Missouri.....	“	50 00	7
“ 22,	Grand Encampment of Louisiana.....	“	15 00	9
“ 29,	Grand Lodge of Southern New York....	“	20 00	14
“ 30,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	“	50 00	16
Oct. 9,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	“	20 00	18
“ 13,	Grand Lodge of Indiana.....	“	10 00	19
“ 13,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	“	10 00	20
“ 22,	Grand Lodge of Mississippi.....	“	50 00	22
Nov. 1,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	“	50 00	24
“ 7,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	“	30 00	25
“ 15,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	“	20 00	27
“ 15,	Grand Lodge of South Carolina.....	“	30 00	28
“ 17,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	“	100 00	29
“ 19,	Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.....	“	50 00	30
“ 19,	Grand Lodge of Texas.....	“	5 00	31
“ 22,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	“	15 00	33
Dec. 6,	Grand Lodge of Connecticut.....	“	50 00	36
“ 6,	Grand Lodge of Southern New York....	“	20 00	37
“ 9,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	“	10 00	40
“ 10,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	“	45 00	41
“ 16,	Grand Lodge of Florida.....	“	15 00	45
1852. Jan. 7,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	“	70 00	53
“ 10,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	“	50 00	56
“ 10,	Grand Lodge of Southern New York....	“	50 00	57
“ 12,	Grand Lodge of Indiana.....	“	50 00	60
“ 17,	Grand Lodge of Maine.....	“	10 00	63
“ 24,	Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.....	“	74 00	67
“ 26,	Grand Lodge of New Jersey.....	“	60 00	69
“ 27,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	“	40 00	71
“ 28,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	“	50 00	73
“ 31,	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	“	60 00	75
Feb 11,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	“	100 00	83
“ 23,	Grand Lodge of Illinois.....	“	85 00	89
“ 23,	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	“	100 00	91
“ 25,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	“	50 00	93
“ 26,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	“	5 00	94
“ 25,	Grand Lodge of Delaware.....	“	25 00	95
Mar. 1,	Grand Lodge of Southern New York....	“	50 00	97
“ 4,	Grand Lodge of Kentucky.....	“	100 00	100
“ 8,	Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico....	“	10 00	103
“ 22,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	“	50 00	106
“ 25,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	“	100 00	108
“ 27,	Grand Lodge of Maine.....	“	10 00	110
“ 27,	Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.....	“	100 00	111
Apr. 7,	Grand Lodge of Connecticut.....	“	100 00	117
“ 9,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	“	10 00	118

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DATES.	LOGGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1852. Apr. 14.	Grand Encampment of Maryland.	Cards.	\$10 00	119
" 15.	Grand Lodge of Northern New York.	"	20 00	120
" 17.	Grand Lodge of Ohio.	"	70 00	123
" 27.	Grand Lodge of Northern New York.	"	100 00	128
" 29.	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.	"	100 00	129
May 6.	Grand Lodge of Indiana.	"	60 00	133
" 29.	D. D. G. Sire J. M. Danley, of Arkansas.	"	10 00	140
" 31.	Grand Lodge of Southern New York.	"	50 00	141
June 12.	Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.	"	76 00	147
" 14.	Grand Lodge of Virginia.	"	30 00	148
" 23.	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.	"	100 00	149
" 26.	Grand Lodge of Maine.	"	25 00	151
" 28.	Grand Lodge of Ohio.	"	100 00	152
July 5.	Grand Lodge of Northern New York.	"	30 00	153
" 6.	Grand Lodge of Texas.	"	13 20	154
" 6.	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.	"	50 00	157
" 12.	Grand Lodge of Indiana.	"	100 00	158
" 16.	Grand Lodge of Missouri.	"	20 00	153
" 19.	Grand Lodge of Southern New York.	"	50 00	161
" 28.	Grand Lodge of Northern New York.	"	20 00	167
" 30.	Grand Lodge of New Jersey.	"	70 00	168
" 30.	Grand Lodge of Michigan.	"	30 00	169
" 31.	Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.	"	35 00	171
Aug. 9.	Grand Encampment of Virginia.	"	15 00	175
" 11.	Grand Lodge of Maryland.	"	150 00	177
" 18.	Grand Lodge of Virginia.	"	50 00	181
" 21.	Grand Lodge of Ohio.	"	100 00	183
" 27.	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.	"	100 00	190
Total.			\$3,678 30	
1852. Mar. 4.	Chinieketa Lodge, No. 1, Oregon Terr'y.	Charters.	\$30 00	101
" 8.	Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico.	"	30 00	103
" 29.	Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, Florida.	"	30 00	112
Apr. 26.	Hennepin Lodge, No. 4, Minnesota.	"	30 00	127
Total.			\$120 00	
1851. Sept. 22.	Rep. Colfax, of Indiana.	Miscella's.	\$15 00	3
" 22.	Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana.	"	10 00	4
Oct. 3.	Interest on Maryland State Stock.	"	49 12	17
Dec. 16.	Grand Lodge of Florida.	"	1 00	45
1852. Jan. 8.	Interest on Maryland State Stock.	"	49 12	55
" 12.	Grand Lodge of Florida.	"	57	59
Mar. 6.	Grand Lodge of Mississippi.	"	13 00	102
Apr. 2.	Interest on Maryland State Stock.	"	49 12	115
July 6.	State Encampment, No. 2, Iowa.	"	20 00	156
" 24.	Interest on Maryland State Stock.	"	40 94	164
Total.			\$247 87	
1851. Sept. 17.	Grand Lodge of Florida.	Balance.	\$9 70	2
" 25.	Grand Lodge of Georgia.	"	18 00	11
1852. Feb. 23.	Grand Lodge of Vermont.	"	50 00	88
Aug. 23.	Grand Encampment of Connecticut.	"	76 37	185

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DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPM'S—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1852. Aug. 31,	Grand Lodge of Michigan.....	Balance.	\$54 00	192
	Total.....		\$208 07	
1851. Sept. 17,	Grand Lodge of Tennessee.....	Odes.	\$3 00	1
“ 22,	Grand Lodge of Missouri.....	“	7 50	7
Nov. 15,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	“	3 00	27
Dec. 9,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	“	12 40	
“ 10,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	“	5 00	41
1852. Jan. 13,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	“	6 00	62
“ 27,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	“	4 00	71
“ 31,	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	“	30 00	75
Feb. 3,	Grand Lodge of District of Columbia....	“	6 00	78
“ 11,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	“	30 00	83
Mar. 29,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	“	3 00	113
June 3,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.....	“	30 00	142
“ 25,	Grand Lodge of Ohio.....	“	2 00	152
July 6,	Grand Lodge of Texas.....	“	2 30	154
“ 19,	Grand Lodge of Southern New York....	“	6 00	161
Aug. 18,	Grand Lodge of Virginia.....	“	9 37	181
	Total.....		\$147 29	
1851. Sept. 22,	Grand Encampment of Rhode Island....	Diplomas.	\$2 00	6
“ 29,	J. J. Davies, Southern New York.....	“	6 00	15
Nov. 21,	Grand Lodge of District of Columbia....	“	25 00	32
“ 29,	J. E. Chamberlain.....	“	1 00	35
Dec. 6,	Grand Lodge of Connecticut.....	“	10 00	39
“ 6,	Centre Lodge, No. 40, Maryland.....	“	1 00	39
1852. Mar. 17,	Grand Lodge of Missouri.....	“	10 00	105
June 12,	J. J. Davies, Southern New York.....	“	1 00	146
July 21,	Grand Lodge of Texas.....	“	12 00	163
“ 30,	Grand Lodge of Michigan.....	“	16 00	169
Aug. 9,	Grand Encampment of Virginia.....	“	15 00	175
“ 11,	Grand Lodge of Maryland.....	“	50 00	177
	Total.....		\$149 00	
1851. Oct. 21,	Prairie Encampment, No. 4, Iowa.....	Dues.	\$12 20	21
Dec. 26,	Puckechetuck Encampment, No. 7, Iowa.	“	3 00	49
1852. Feb. 23,	Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, Vt.	“	3 30	90
“ 23,	Ascutney Encampment, No. 2, Vt.	“	6 00	90
Apr. 1,	Puckechetuck Encampment, No. 7, Iowa.	“	1 40	114
“ 1,	Eureka Encampment, No. 2, Iowa.....	“	2 85	114
“ 1,	Iowa Encampment, No. 6, Iowa.....	“	7 20	114
“ 1,	Good Samaritan Encampment, No. 5, Ioa.	“	1 78	114
“ 1,	Prairie Encampment, No. 4, Iowa.....	“	9 09	114
“ 1,	Halcyon Encampment, No. 1, Iowa.....	“	6 54	114
“ 15,	Eagle Encampment, No. 1, Arkansas....	“	29 05	121
“ 15,	Arkansas Encampment, No. 2, Arkansas.	“	11 86	121
“ 15,	Fort Smith Encampment, No. 3, Ark'sas.	“	8 55	121
“ 26,	Minnesota Lodge, No. 1, Minnesota....	“	21 70	126
“ 26,	St. Paul's Lodge, No. 2.....	“	43 41	126
May 18,	Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, New Mexico.	“	128 75	134
June 12,	Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu.....	“	1 30	146

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DATES.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1852. June 25,	John G. Potts Lodge, No. 3, Minnesota..	Dues.	\$24 60	150
July 21,	Lone Star Encampment, No. 1, Texas...	"	6 15	163
Aug. 3,	Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, New Mexico..	"	44 67	172
" 23,	Ascutney Encampment, No. 2, Vermont.	"	4 00	184
" 23,	Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, Vt.	"	6 80	184
" 26,	Minnesota Lodge, No. 1, Minnesota....	"	29 29	186
" 26,	St. Paul's Lodge, No. 2, Minnesota.....	"	18 84	186
" 26,	Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, Minnesota	"	18 87	186
Total.....			\$451 20	
1852. May 28,	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 1852.....	Rep. Tax.	\$100 00	136
July 20,	Grand Lodge of Alabama, 1852.....	"	100 00	162
" 21,	Grand Lodge of Texas, 1852.....	"	50 00	163
" 26,	Grand Lodge of Virginia, 1852.....	"	100 00	165
" 27,	Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, 1852..	"	50 00	166
" 31,	Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, 1852.....	"	100 00	171
Aug. 6,	Grand Lodge of Mississippi, 1852.....	"	100 00	174
" 9,	Grand Encampment of Virginia, 1852...	"	100 00	175
" 11,	Grand Lodge of South Carolina, 1852....	"	100 00	176
" 11,	Grand Lodge of Maryland, 1852.....	"	100 00	177
" 12,	Grand Encampment of Maryland, 1852..	"	100 00	178
" 14,	Grand Encampment of Louisiana, 1852..	"	50 00	179
" 16,	Grand Lodge of Vermont, on acc't, 1852.	"	80 00	180
" 19,	Grand Encampment of Delaware, 1852...	"	50 00	182
" 21,	Grand Lodge of Ohio, 1852.....	"	100 00	183
" 23,	Grand Lodge of Connecticut, 1852.....	"	100 00	185
" 23,	Grand Encampment of Connecticut, 1852.	"	50 00	185
" 27,	Grand Lodge of Arkansas, 1852.....	"	50 00	189
" 31,	Grand Lodge of New Jersey, 1852.....	"	100 00	191
" 31,	Grand Lodge of Michigan, 1852.....	"	100 00	192
Total.....			\$1680 00	
Aggregate.....			\$12,991 73	

It will be seen from this report that there has been paid into the Treasury since the 17th September, 1851, up to September 1, 1852, inclusive, \$12,991.73, which sum is the revenue proper of the fiscal year. The further sum of \$1,125.50 has been received, but is applicable specially to the "Willey" and "Honolulu Hall Funds," respectively, in the amounts indicated in the report. The balance in hand, per report of Committee on Finance, page 1778 Journal of last session, was \$16,862.00; which, together with the revenue proper, up to September 1, 1852, forms an aggregate of \$29,855.32 in the hands of the Treasurer during the year. Of this sum, up to September 1, 1852, the period when that officer's account was furnished to this office for comparison with the books of the Corresponding Secretary, he had disbursed, in payments for mileage, per diem, expenses and appropriations of last session, an amount which leaves a balance in his hands on that day of

\$13,681.24, as appears per his report. This balance, together with the receipts from September 1, 1852, to the close of the session, usually large, will be applicable to such objects as your wisdom may direct.

It will be recollected that a part of the balance in the hands of the Treasurer, per report of Committee on Finance, consisted of \$4,133.82, called drafts in transitu, received by the Corresponding Secretary from Grand Representatives during the session, on settlement of accounts. I have the pleasure to report that these drafts were duly paid, except in the case of the Grand Bodies of Tennessee and Maine, amounting in all to \$1001.84. The amount due by Tennessee, to wit, \$268.07, will doubtless be paid at the present session, and the amount due by Maine, to wit, \$763.77, will be adjusted. Whilst on this subject, the undersigned begs to say, that, with every wish on his part to carry out strictly the law requiring cash payments, nevertheless instances often present themselves when he cannot avoid temporary indulgence to Grand Bodies, whose ability to discharge any debt incurred for supplies cannot for a moment be questioned. In this respect something must be left to the discretion of the Corresponding Secretary; and when the Grand Lodge is assured that during a period of ten years past, out of a sale of supplies from this office exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, but a mere insignificant sum has been lost, there can be, it is thought, no great hazard in confiding this discretion to that officer. To the undersigned it will be a pleasure to conform to any order which the Grand Lodge may adopt upon the subject.

I submit herewith, in connexion with the finances, a stock account, showing the amount on hand on the 17th day of September, 1851, when the inventory was taken, the amount since received and sold, with net profit, and the amount on hand on the 1st day of September, 1852. The estimate of stock made by the committee at the last session, having been derived from a general examination made at the time, was only approximate. Upon a more particular examination, made after the session, the statement herewith submitted was made up, which, although differing in detail in some particulars, exceeds slightly the estimate of the committee in the aggregate.

No statement of the actual receipts can at this time be made, in comparison with the estimate of the Committee on Finance of the last session, by reason of the large amount to be received after the close of this report: that estimate was \$14,311.37, which will doubtless be exceeded in the aggregate, although, in some instances, the actual amounts received to the credit of particular items, detailed in the report of the committee, vary essentially from the amount estimated. The proper comparison can only be made by the Committee on Finance of the present session when the receipts of the session are fully known.

The usual annual table, showing the condition and progress of the Order, is annexed, in an imperfect form, however, owing to the failure of many of the Grand Bodies to report.

The invested funds of the Grand Lodge consist of

Maryland six per cents.	\$2,800.00
Willey loan, \$8,000, less paid \$1,758.59 . . .	6,241.41
	<u>\$9,041.41</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,

Cor. and R. Sec'y.

Office C. and R. Sec'y of R. W. G. L. U. S. }
Baltimore, September, 1852. }

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Supplies on hand September 17th, 1851, amount received since, amount sold during the year, and amount on hand September 1, 1852.

	Degree of Rebekah.	Cards.	Charge Books.	Degree Books.	Digests.	G. Encamp. Books.	S. Encamp. Books.	Institution Books.	Grand Lodge Books.	Diplomas.	Odes.
Stock on hand Sep. 17, 1851....	42900	1487	920	78	237	739	150	550	11800		
Stock received during the year..	6000	30150	10	1037	1028	8	150	250			
Total.....	6000	73050	1497	930	3778	1265	747	150	706	12050	
Amount sold during the year...	4734	38668	556	284	124	90	85	199	5312		
Amount on hand Sep. 1st, 1852.	1266	34382	947	646	2574	1175	653	150	501	6738	

AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES sold from Sept. 17th, 1851, to Sept. 1st, 1852, showing cost of article, selling price, and profits.

Number of each article sold.	Cost price.	Sold for.	Profits.
Degree of Rebekah, 4,734 copies.	\$524 00	\$4,734 00	\$4,210 00
Charge Books, 550 copies.	88 00	*1,088 00	1,000 00
Degree Books, 314 copies.	50 24	*616 00	565 76
Encampment Books, 90 copies.	14 40	*156 00	141 60
Institution Books, 85 copies.	12 75	*83 00	70 25
Grand Encampment Books, 4 copies.	20	4 00	3 80
Digest, 12 copies.	4 50	4 50	.....
Cards, 38,668.	435 00	3,866 80	3,431 80
Diplomas, 199.	49 75	199 00	149 25
Odes, 5,312.	26 56	159 29	132 73
	<u>\$1,205 40</u>	<u>\$10,910 59</u>	<u>\$9,705 19</u>

* This apparent discrepancy is occasioned by furnishing books for new Lodges and Encampments.

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AMOUNT OF HONOLULU HALL FUND *received from September 17th,*
1851, *to September 1st, 1852.*

From New Jersey.....	\$75 00
From Indiana.....	122 00
From Virginia.....	56 00
From Missouri.....	8 00
From Florida.....	8 00
From Wisconsin.....	29 00
From Delaware.....	17 00
From Ohio.....	125 00
From Southern New York.....	105 00
From District of Columbia.....	10 00
From Minnesota.....	2 00
From California.....	2 00
From New Mexico.....	1 00
From Maryland.....	38 00
From Iowa.....	18 00
From Connecticut.....	74 00
From Georgia.....	64 50
From Massachusetts.....	205 00
From North Carolina.....	3 00
From Northern New York.....	155 00
From Arkansas.....	4 00
Total.....	\$1,121 50

AMOUNT OF WILDEY FUND AND ANNUITY *received from September*
17, 1851, *to September 1, 1852.*

<i>Wilzey Fund.</i>	
From Florida.....	\$1 00
<i>Wilzey Annuity.</i>	
From Virginia.....	\$3 00

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Annual Report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned respectfully submits the following report of the receipts and expenditures of his office from September 17, 1851, to September 1, 1852:

ANDREW E. WARNER, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of the United States.*

Amount of Receipts.

1851.	
Sept. 17, To balance on hand.....	\$16,862 59
Sept. 17, To cash from Grand Secretary.....	12,990 73
Sept. 17, To Honolulu fund from Grand Secretary.....	1,121 50
Sept. 17, To Wilzey fund from Grand Secretary.....	1 00
Sept. 17, To Wilzey annuity from Grand Secretary.....	3 00
Total.....	\$30,978 82

Amount of Expenditures.

1851.

Sept. 19, By cash for discount on uncurrent funds.....	\$12 88
Sept. 20, By cash to William W. Moore, as per diem and mileage....	22 00
Sept. 20, By cash to P. A. Hackleman, as per diem and mileage.....	95 00
Sept. 20, By cash to T. M. Abbett, as per diem.....	18 00
Sept. 20, By cash to S. H. Lewyt, as per diem.....	18 00
Sept. 20, By cash to Richard Marley, as per diem.....	18 00
Sept. 20, By cash to W. Bayley, as per diem.....	18 00
Sept. 20, By cash to J. Vansant, as per diem.....	18 00
Sept. 20, By cash to F. D. Stuart, as per diem and mileage.....	22 00
Sept. 20, By cash to J. Sessford, jr., as per diem and mileage.....	22 00
Sept. 20, By cash to W. F. Bayley, of D. C., as per diem and mileage.	22 00
Sept. 20, By cash to J. W. Hale, as per diem and mileage.....	38 00
Sept. 20, By cash to F. R. Chase, as per diem and mileage.....	74 50
Sept. 20, By cash to J. Mitchell, as per diem and mileage.....	66 00
Sept. 20, By cash to Wm. T. Martin, as per diem and mileage.....	188 00
Sept. 20, By cash to John Winslow, as per diem and mileage.....	63 00
Sept. 20, By cash to J. M. Willey, as per diem and mileage.....	53 00
Sept. 20, By cash to H. F. Askew, as per diem and mileage.....	25 50
Sept. 20, By cash to B. Kingsbury, jr., as per diem and mileage.....	73 00
Sept. 20, By cash to Nathan Emerson, as per diem and mileage.....	89 00
Sept. 20, By cash to A. B. Ely, as per diem and mileage.....	3 00
Sept. 20, By cash to W. H. Gear, as per diem and mileage.....	22 50
Sept. 20, By cash to W. Small, as per diem and mileage.....	35 00
Sept. 20, By cash to A. B. Ely, as per diem and mileage.....	59 00
Sept. 20, By cash to W. Ellison, as per diem and mileage.....	59 00
Sept. 20, By cash to S. Wells, as per diem and mileage.....	59 50
Sept. 20, By cash to R. H. Griffin, as per diem and mileage.....	71 60
Sept. 20, By cash to H. H. Crane, as per diem and mileage.....	71 60
Sept. 20, By cash to E. M. P. Wells, as per diem and mileage.....	45 00
Sept. 20, By cash to W. C. Worthington, as per diem and mileage...	24 50
Sept. 20, By cash to E. Woodward, as per diem and mileage.....	138 00
Sept. 20, By cash to J. Crickard, as per diem and mileage.....	167 00
Sept. 20, By cash to J. H. Bonney, as per diem and mileage.....	180 00
Sept. 20, By cash to J. Wheeler, as per diem and mileage.....	58 00
Sept. 20, By cash to J. Wood, as per diem and mileage.....	58 00
Sept. 20, By cash to H. A. Manchester, as per diem and mileage.....	58 00
Sept. 20, By cash to E. S. Kempton, as per diem and mileage.....	86 60
Sept. 20, By cash to S. Meredith, as per diem and mileage.....	95 00
Sept. 20, By cash to W. B. Magruder, as per diem and mileage.....	22 00
Sept. 20, By cash to E. Morton, as per diem and mileage.....	121 00
Sept. 20, By cash to G. D. Smith, as per diem and mileage.....	121 00
Sept. 20, By cash to H. L. Page, as per diem and mileage.....	150 00
Sept. 20, By cash to W. G. DeSaussure, as per diem and mileage....	76 00
Sept. 20, By cash to J. A. Gyles, as per diem and mileage.....	76 50
Sept. 20, By cash to W. S. Munday, as per diem and mileage.....	121 00
Sept. 20, By cash to S. Colfax, as per diem and mileage.....	113 00
Sept. 20, By cash to L. Perkins, as per diem and mileage.....	138 00
Sept. 20, By cash to J. Narine, as per diem and mileage.....	38 00
Sept. 20, By cash to H. C. Pindell, as per diem and mileage.....	100 50
Sept. 20, By cash to D. P. Barnard, as per diem and mileage.....	38 00
Sept. 20, By cash to M. D. Papy, as per diem and mileage.....	129 00
Sept. 20, By cash to A. G. Langworthy, as per diem and mileage....	150 00
Sept. 20, By cash to J. N. Taylor, as per diem and mileage.....	39 50
Sept. 20, By cash to J. McLain, as per diem and mileage.....	105 50
Sept. 20, By cash to W. Chidsey, as per diem and mileage.....	88 00
Sept. 20, By cash to J. M. Cassady, as per diem and mileage.....	28 00
Sept. 20, By cash to E. C. Robinson, as per diem and mileage.....	38 00

Expenditures continued.

1851.		
Sept. 20,	By cash to H. Y. Bebee, as per diem and mileage.....	\$100 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to W. G. Williams, as per diem and mileage.....	88 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to J. H. Williams, as per diem and mileage.....	73 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to P. R. Hills, as per diem and mileage.....	66 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to T. G. Senter, as per diem and mileage.....	68 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to S. H. Simes, as per diem and mileage.....	63 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to B. Smith, as per diem and mileage.....	103 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to D. C. Trippe, as per diem and mileage.....	154 50
Sept. 20,	By cash to E. C. Dibble, as per diem and mileage.....	81 50
Sept. 20,	By cash to A. S. Kellogg, as per diem and mileage.....	48 50
Sept. 20,	By cash to A. S. Kellogg, as per diem and mileage.....	63 50
Sept. 20,	By cash to H. F. Anners, as per diem and mileage.....	28 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to S. Penny, as per diem and mileage.....	150 50
Sept. 20,	By cash to W. E. Jennings, as per diem and mileage.....	150 50
Sept. 20,	By cash to T. A. Ward, as per diem and mileage.....	38 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to J. A. Kennedy, as per diem and mileage.....	38 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to J. M. Danley, as per diem and mileage.....	185 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to J. Chester, as per diem and mileage.....	106 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to C. T. Vennigerholz, as per diem and mileage....	188 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to S. Skinner, as per diem and mileage.....	28 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to J. O. Nixon, as per diem and mileage.....	167 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to C. R. Hansford, as per diem and mileage.....	130 50
Sept. 20,	By cash to O. Farish, as per diem and mileage.....	212 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to J. G. Potts, as per diem and mileage.....	158 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to L. E. Baldwin, as per diem and mileage.....	53 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to E. H. Fitzhugh, as per diem and mileage.....	49 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to J. G. Clayton, as per diem and mileage.....	38 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to I. Robinson, as per diem and mileage.....	28 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to James Stewart, as per diem and mileage.....	28 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to R. F. Russell, as per diem and mileage.....	70 50
Sept. 20,	By cash to B. Conley, as per diem and mileage.....	91 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to W. Crutcher, as per diem and mileage.....	198 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to G. S. Sanford, as per diem and mileage.....	46 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to T. Hardie, as per diem and mileage.....	160 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to G. W. Woodward, as per diem and mileage.....	158 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to W. Curtis for J. A. Simpson.....	16 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to W. Curtis, as per diem and mileage.....	28 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to J. N. Washington, as per diem and mileage.....	58 50
Sept. 20,	By cash to W. H. Remington, as per diem and mileage.....	138 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to R. W. Seymour, as per diem and mileage.....	76 50
Sept. 20,	By cash to H. B. Hinsdale, as per diem and mileage.....	146 50
Sept. 20,	By cash to G. W. Shaw, as per diem and mileage.....	167 00
Sept. 20,	By cash to M. Woodruff, as per diem and mileage.....	116 50
Sept. 22,	By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for newspapers.....	9 50
Sept. 22,	By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage.....	140 74
Sept. 22,	By draft on C. Cummings protested.....	650 87
Sept. 22,	By cash to protest of do.....	1 75
Sept. 25,	By cash to W. H. Hoffman, for paper.....	583 00
Sept. 25,	By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, expenses as Messenger.....	22 00
Sept. 29,	By draft on C. Cummings protested.....	138 25
Sept. 29,	By cash to protest of do.....	2 90
Oct. 3,	By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage.....	13 86
Oct. 7,	By cash to James Young, for printing.....	343 86
Oct. 7,	By cash to Thomas Wildey, for annuity.....	115 71
Oct. 7,	By cash to filling up diploma.....	3 00
Oct. 31,	By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage.....	10 18
Nov. 5,	By draft on John Coltart protested.....	206 62

Expenditures continued.

1851.	
Nov. 5, By cash to protesting do.....	\$1 45
Nov. 8, By cash to renewing policy of insurance.....	8 80
Nov. 8, By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, expenses for sending block of marble to Washington.....	13 00
Nov. 8, By cash to T. S. Cockran, for ice.....	3 40
Nov. 17, By cash to A. Fisher, for portrait of P. G. Sire Griffin.....	100 00
Dec. 1, By cash to J. L. Ridgely, for one quarter's salary.....	300 00
Dec. 1, By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for one quarter's salary.....	134 16
Dec. 1, By cash to J. Young, for altering and repairing revised Jour..	333 45
Dec. 9, By cash to Grand Lodge of Northern New York.....	114 22
Dec. 29, By cash to James Young, for printing.....	275 80
Dec. 31, By cash to J. J. Johnston, for furniture.....	100 00
1852.	
Jan. 2, By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage.....	13 48
Jan. 13, By cash to James L. Ridgely, mileage for 1850.....	42 00
Jan. 24, By cash to W. C. Cunningham, for making boxes.....	25 50
Jan. 27, By cash to Thomas Wildey.....	10 00
Jan. 28, By cash to W. H. Hoffman, for paper.....	176 00
Jan. 31, By cash to Louis Bonsal, for binding.....	330 00
Feb. 2, By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage.....	29 44
Feb. 5, By cash for discount on uncurrent funds.....	2 84
Feb. 14, By cash to Barrett & Debeet, for portrait frame.....	7 00
Feb. 19, By cash to James Young, for printing.....	516 57
Feb. 21, By cash to M. Redinger, for repairing stove.....	1 00
Feb. 21, By cash to insuring of portraits sent to New York.....	9 00
Mar. 1, By cash to J. L. Ridgely, for one quarter's salary.....	300 00
Mar. 1, By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for quarter's salary and post'e.	130 82
Mar. 5, By cash to James Young, for printing.....	23 19
Mar. 24, By cash to J. J. Johnston, on chairs and desks.....	75 00
Apr. 9, By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, postage and stamps.....	8 64
Apr. 17, By cash to P. Fritz, block of marble.....	540 00
May 1, By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, postage.....	13 56
May 6, By cash to J. J. Johnston, for desks and chairs.....	50 00
May 15, By cash to C. Burt, for engraving.....	150 00
June 2, By cash to James L. Ridgely, for one quarter's salary.....	300 00
June 2, By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for quarter's salary and post'e.	141 47
June 15, By cash to C. Burt, for engraving portraits.....	450 00
June 18, By cash to J. J. Johnson, for chairs and desks.....	135 00
June 25, By cash to Louis Bonsal, for binding books.....	360 00
July 6, By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage.....	9 85
July 24, By cash to Barrett & Debeet, for frame of design of stone...	11 00
Aug. 2, By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for postage.....	5 36
Aug. 4, By cash to A. S. Abell & Co., for advertising.....	18 93
Aug. 6, By cash to A. Sisco, for collars.....	96 00
Aug. 11, By cash to Grand Lodge of Maryland.....	270 00
Aug. 24, By cash to James Young, for binding.....	100 00
Aug. 24, By cash to discount on collecting drafts.....	29 99
Aug. 24, By cash to discount on uncurrent funds.....	5 19
Aug. 24, By cash to stamp on Treasurer's bond.....	2 00
Aug. 30, By cash to Sandys, for printing.....	538 90
Aug. 31, By cash to Livingston Lodge, paid in error.....	4 00
Sept. 1, By cash to James L. Ridgely, one quarter's salary.....	300 00
Sept. 1, By cash to J. E. Chamberlain, for quarter's salary and post'e	133 15
Sept. 1, By cash to A. E. Warner, salary for one year.....	200 00
Sept. 1, By cash on hand.....	13,686 24
Total.....	\$30,978 82

The Grand Corresponding Secretary presented the following supplementary report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, begs very respectfully to submit the annexed supplementary statement of the receipts of his office, since the close of his regular Annual Report:

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT of Receipts by Grand Secretary after the close of his Annual Report up to and inclusive of the session.

DATE.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1852. Sept. 2,	Grand Lodge of Southern New York....	Rep. Tax.	\$100 00	193
" 2,	Grand Encampment of Southern N. York	"	100 00	193
" 4,	Grand Encampment of New Jersey.....	"	50 00	195
" 6,	Grand Lodge of Missouri.....	"	100 00	196
" 6,	Grand Encampment of Missouri.....	"	50 00	196
1852. Sept. 6,	Grand Lodge of Louisiana.....	"	100 00	197
" 8,	Grand Encampment of Alabama.....	"	50 00	198
" 11,	Grand Lodge of Florida.....	"	50 00	200
" 11,	Grand Encampment of Kentucky.....	"	50 00	201
" 13,	Grand Encampment of Ohio.....	"	100 00	202
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Georgia.....	"	100 00	203
" 20,	Grand Encampment of Georgia.....	"	50 00	204
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.....	"	100 00	205
" 20,	Grand Lodge of North Carolina.....	"	100 00	206
" 20,	Grand Encampment of Massachusetts...	"	100 00	208
" 20,	Grand Lodge of District of Columbia...	"	100 00	209
" 20,	Grand Encampment of Mississippi.....	"	50 00	210
" 20,	Grand Encampment of North Carolina...	"	50 00	211
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Kentucky.....	"	100 00	213
" 20,	Grand Encampment of Northern N. York	"	70 00	214
" 20,	Grand Encampment of New Hampshire.	"	50 00	215
" 20,	Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.....	"	100 00	216
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Iowa.....	"	100 00	217
" 20,	Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania....	"	100 00	218
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Tennessee.....	"	100 00	220
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.....	"	100 00	221
" 20,	Grand Encampment of Rhode Island....	"	50 00	222
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	"	100 00	223
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Delaware.....	"	100 00	224
" 20,	Grand Encampment of Indiana.....	"	50 00	225
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Indiana.....	"	100 00	226
" 21,	Grand Encampment of Dist. of Columbia	"	50 00	229
" 21,	Grand Lodge of Illinois.....	"	100 00	130
" 21,	Grand Encampment of Illinois.....	"	50 00	131
Total.....			\$2,720 00	
1852. Sept. 11,	Grand Lodge of Florida.....	Miscell's.	\$ 60	200
" 21,	Grand Lodge of Louisiana.....	"	1 00	228
Total.....			\$1 60	

Supplementary Statement, continued.

DATE.	LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS—STATE—PLACE.	PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.	V.
1852. Sept. 2,	Grand Lodge of Southern New York....	Cards.	\$20 00	293
" 20,	Grand Lodge of District of Columbia....	"	20 00	207
" 20,	Grand Encampment of North Carolina ..	"	3 50	211
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Tennessee	"	40 00	212
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Iowa.....	"	15 00	217
1852. Sept. 20,	Grand Lodge of Northern New York....	Cards.	\$50 00	223
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Delaware	"	30 00	224
" 20,	Grand Encampment of Indiana.....	"	60 00	225
" 21,	Grand Lodge of Louisiana.....	"	40 00	228
" 21,	Grand Encampment of Dist. of Columbia	"	30 00	229
	Total.....		\$308 50	
1852. Sept. 2,	Grand Lodge of California.....	Charters.	\$30 00	194
" 2,	Encampment No. 1, California	"	30 00	194
" 11,	Sacramento Lodge No. 2, California.....	"	30 00	199
	Total.....		\$90 00	
1852. Sept. 2,	Grand Lodge of Southern New York....	Odes.	\$4 00	193
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Delaware.....	"	6 00	225
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Indiana.....	"	6 00	226
	Total.....		\$16 00	
1852. Sept. 20,	Grand Lodge of Georgia.....	Books.	25 00	203
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Tennessee	"	15 00	212
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Iowa.....	"	18 52	217
" 20,	John G. Potts, D. D. G. Sire for Min. ...	"	15 00	219
" 20,	Grand Encampment of Rhode Island....	"	12 00	222
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Delaware.....	"	12 00	224
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Indiana.....	"	228 00	226
" 21,	Grand Lodge of Louisiana.....	"	25 00	228
	Total		\$350 52	
1852. Sept. 20,	Grand Lodge of Iowa.....	Diplomas.	\$50 00	217
1852. Sept. 11,	D. D. G. Sire A. V. Fraser	Balance.	\$30 45	199
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Tennessee.....	"	5 00	212
" 20,	Grand Lodge of Iowa.....	"	10 00	217
" 20,	D. D. G. Sire John G. Potts	"	9 50	219
" 21,	Samuel L. Harris.....	"	6 25	227
	Total		\$61 20	

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Supplementary Statement, continued.

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

BOOKS	Statement.....	\$6,310 00
	Supplementary.....	350 52
REPRESENTATIVE TAX.....	Statement.....	1,680 00
	Supplementary.....	2,720 00
DUES	Statement.....	451 20
DIPLOMAS.....	Statement.....	149 00
	Supplementary.....	50 00
CARDS	Statement.....	3,678 30
	Supplementary.....	308 50
WARRANTS.....	Statement.....	120 00
	Supplementary.....	90 60
ODES	Statement.....	147 29
	Supplementary.....	16 00
BALANCES.....	Statement.....	208 07
	Supplementary.....	61 20
MISCELLANEOUS.....	Statement.....	247 87
	Supplementary.....	1 60

Amount of Receipts.....\$16,589 55

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DATES.	LODGES.	AMOUNT.	v.
1852. Sept. 9	From Lodges in N. New York.....	\$4 00	84
“ 20	From Lodges in Massachusetts.....	20 00	85
“ 20	From Lodges in Kentucky.....	68 00	86
“ 20	From Lodges in North Carolina.....	8 00	87
“ 20	From Lodges in Rhode Island.....	11 60	88
		\$111 00	

WILDEY ANNUITY.

Georgia.....	\$40 paid.
Michigan.....	\$40 not paid

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *G. C. and R. Secr'y.*

September 21, 1852.

ANNUAL REPORT of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand
Lodge of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1852.

LODGES.	WHERE HELD.	Number of Lodges.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Past Grands.	Past Grand Masters.	Contributing Members.
G. L. Maryland....	Baltimore....	70	1,317	587	9	1,005	19	11,433
G. L. Massac'ussetts	Boston.....	121	464	879	29	1,436	10	8,952
G. L. S. New York.	N. York city..	196	1,358	1,636	20	2,359	11	18,419
G. L. Pennsylvania.	Philadelphia..	460	5,788	2,652	137	4,428	14	44,237
G. L. Dis. of Col...	Washington...	13	155	84	2	302	11	1,283
G. L. Delaware....	Wilmington...	23	193	6	2	230	13	1,803
G. L. Ohio.....	Columbus....	202	2,233	97	365	1,846	17	14,320
G. L. Louisiana....	New Orleans..	32	594	208	20	2,763	12	2,763
G. L. New Jersey..	Trenton.....	107	774	570	51	1,133	....	7,844
G. L. Kentucky....	Louisville....	89	686	146	34	685	12	4,111
G. L. Virginia.....	Richmond....	105	955	184	157	974	11	6,696
G. L. Indiana.....	Indianapolis..	115	1,083	141	29	758	7	5,119
G. L. Mississippi..	Jackson.....	45	261	215	29	376	....	1,661
G. L. Missouri....	St. Louis....	54	447	173	12	323	8	2,442
G. L. Illinois.....	Springfield..	114	1,071	278	83	543	8	4,787
G. L. Texas.....	Galveston....	23	250	22	7	71	6	613
G. L. Alabama....	Mobile.....	46	339	68	25	267	....	1,569
G. L. Connecticut..	New Haven...	71	423	648	18	750	11	5,411
G. L. S. Carolina..	Charleston...	20	226	29	59	228	9	1,884
G. L. Tennessee...	Nashville....	76	378	5	20	422	7	2,746
G. L. Georgia.....	Macon.....	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. N. Carolina..	Wilmington..	39	326	35	52	225	10	1,639
G. L. Maine.....	Portland.....	55	118	228	22	974	7	4,280
G. L. R. Island....	Providence...	15	80	128	4	186	8	1,297
G. L. N. Hampsh'g.	Concord.....	39	273	146	73	360	....	2,570
G. L. Michigan....	Detroit.....	58	464	290	16	397	7	3,289
G. L. Wisconsin...	Milwaukee...	58	593	140	171	353	5	2,774
G. L. Vermont....	Montpelier..	24	251	101	4	128	5	1,140
G. L. Iowa.....	Bloomington..	40	274	2	10	186	3	1,378
G. L. Arkansas....	Little Rock..	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. N. New York	Utica.....	445	4,311	2,320	94	3,110	6	26,584
G. L. Florida....	Tallahassee..	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. California....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Minnesota.....	.....	4	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	155
New Mexico.....	.....	2	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	31
Honolulu.....	.....	1	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	68
		2,729	25,776	12,018	1,554	25,818	237	193,298

ANNUAL REPORT of *Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for the year ending June 30th, 1852, continued.*

LODGES.	No. of brothers relieved.	No. of widowed families relieved.	No. of brothers buried.	Amount paid for relief of brothers.	Amount paid for relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.
G. L. Maryland...	2,369	238	99	\$28,097 78	\$9,764 93	\$2,679 18	\$7,307 75
G. L. Massachusetts	893	154	112	18,477 94	3,763 36	90 00	3,708 74
G. L. S. New York	2,838	364	197	51,879 29	10,789 13	875 57	8,625 20
G. L. Pennsylvania	7,263	1353	356	93,123 73	7,068 22	462 77	118,649 30
G. L. Dis. of Col.	258	27	11	2,839 00	328 00	302 25	347 75
G. L. Delaware....	.....	.....	10	2,694 50	165 00	.....	367 69
G. L. Ohio.....	1,954	149	105	32,326 34	2,221 46	39 92	4,283 57
G. L. Louisiana...	236	27	46	5,963 81	1,583 10	65 00	3,456 54
G. L. New Jersey.	1,220	61	71	17,430 62	1,045 09	704 39	2,415 00
G. L. Kentucky...	469	....	47	5,948 76	900 09	418 79	2,335 10
G. L. Virginia....	836	98	48	9,509 22	1,564 71	1,529 16	2,067 72
G. L. Indiana.....	755	43	58	9,975 36	422 01	504 23	2,398 40
G. L. Mississippi...	86	3	11	1,695 72	60 00	30 00	447 00
G. L. Missouri....	266	87	34	4,124 04	2,492 84	1,438 90	1,223 80
G. L. Illinois.....	433	31	50	4,671 51	658 35	88 88	1,210 78
G. L. Texas.....	40	5	11	829 75	65 50	83 00	245 00
G. L. Alabama....	133	22	20	2,084 05	377 00	158 67	992 78
G. L. Connecticut	723	44	33	10,470 90	765 00	155 25	1,346 25
G. L. S. Carolina..	177	59	23	2,884 17	2,306 67	624 77	894 50
G. L. Tennessee...	135	13	12	2,540 92	820 65	154 00	503 60
G. L. Georgia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. N. Carolina..	160	18	17	1,505 00	503 91	59 20	316 07
G. L. Maine. . . .	274	18	28	4,293 17	243 88	61 13	633 00
G. L. R. Island...	132	20	6	2,808 63	736 93	4 33	291 00
G. L. N. Hampsh'g	234	6	17	4,315 49	62 50	.....	970 00
G. L. Michigan....	393	22	30	4,109 67	420 67	37 00	965 00
G. L. Wisconsin...	206	8	17	2,391 70	131 00	19 79	585 53
G. L. Vermont....	108	9	5	988 05	179 25	.....	195 00
G. L. Iowa.....	169	12	15	1,904 90	206 26	31 00	502 49
G. L. Arkansas....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. N. New York	3,470	165	153	42,600 99	2,685 30	133 67	5,158 18
G. L. Florida.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. California...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Minnesota.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Mexico.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Honolulu.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	26,330	3058	1642	\$372,384 92	\$52,330 75	\$10,750 85	\$172,442 79

ANNUAL REPORT of *Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1852, continued.*

LODGES,	Revenue of Subordinate Lodges.	Total amount of Relief.	Funds in the Treasury.	Funds Invested.	Widow's and Orphan's Fund.
G. L. Maryland...	\$80,721 00	\$58,808 99	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Massac'ussets	43,092 96	26,189 99	.....	.....	.....
G. L. S. New York	130,832 13	72,169 49	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Pennsylvania	220,964 37	219,304 02	54,004 29	\$175,700 17	24,102 94
G. L. Dis. of Col..	7,812 76	3,817 00	4,026 88	10,809 24	2,419 95
G. L. Delaware....	.....	3,227 19	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Ohio.....	92,091 59	33,456 86	18,112 00	63,353 31	8,975 81
G. L. Louisiana...	38,945 65	11,077 99	9,936 77	32,686 84	6,239 97
G. L. New Jersey..	44,501 23	21,594 10	9,968 51	27,971 75	13,976 02
G. L. Kentucky...	33,797 55	9,652 87	23,838 23	12,355 69	28,250 17
G. L. Virginia....	33,792 96	14,670 81	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Indiana.....	.....	13,300 00	73,020 17	.....	.....
G. L. Mississippi..	15,133 28	2,232 72	4,728 83	6,217 37	1,971 66
G. L. Missouri....	23,574 30	9,279 5	8,486 55	26,316 71	1,838 59
G. L. Illinois.....	34,184 94	6,629 52	9,707 36	19,799 81	7,836 21
G. L. Texas.....	9,075 90	1,223 25	3,979 33	3,617 49	358 00
G. L. Alabama....	17,876 20	3,612 50	11,691 76	13,328 48	25,621 27
G. L. Connecticut.	27,959 99	13,500 52	73,867 63	21,725 12	.....
G. L. S. Carolina..	14,192 31	6,710 11	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Tennessee...	18,386 42	4,030 17	64,434 52	12,852 22	14,231 81
G. L. Georgia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. N. Carolina..	14,155 61	2,329 18	.....	.....	1,347 44
G. L. Maine.....	7,554 00	5,231 18	.....	44,001 75	.....
G. L. R. Island....	7,880 32	3,840 89	473 57	10,885 51	9,582 49
G. L. N. Hampsh'e	4,178 00	5,346 91	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Michigan....	16,580 31	5,532 34	6,009 77	13,760 88	9,225 20
G. L. Wisconsin...	15,489 74	3,128 07	2,939 91	5,623 02	3,817 13
G. L. Vermont....	6,072 78	1,332 30	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Iowa.....	.....	2,644 69	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Arkansas....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. N. New York	151,496 82	50,578 14	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Florida.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. California...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Minnesota.....	1,369 12	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Mexico.....	2,022 90	.....	.....	.....	.....
Honolulu.....	596 11	270 00	.....	.....	.....
	\$1,164,331 15	\$614,721 08	.....	.....	.....

ANNUAL REPORT of *Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., for the year ending June 30, 1852.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	WHERE HELD.	Number of Subordinates.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Revenue of Subordinates.	Contributing Members.
G. E. Maryland.....	Baltimore.....	11	151	51	1	7,786 46	1,420
G. E. Pennsylvania....	Philadelphia....	96	654	267	26	26,316 40	5,436
G. E. S. New York....	N. York city....	28	89	157	....	5,964 55	1,222
G. E. Ohio.....	Cincinnati....	52	534	8	26	13,925 13	2,627
G. E. New Jersey.....	Newark.....	23	61	71	....	2,378 78	779
G. E. Virginia.....	Martinsburg...	27	162	14	6	4,330 67	1,114
G. E. S. Carolina.....	Charleston.....	....	....	....	....	....	....
G. E. Massachusetts...	Boston.....	23	51	161	....	4,285 46	1,113
G. E. Kentucky.....	Louisville.....	....	....	....	....	....	....
G. E. Maine.....	Portland.....	13	17	25	2	569 95	556
G. E. N. Hampshire...	Concord.....	7	13	11	6	....	292
G. E. Mississippi.....	Natchez.....	10	38	7	....	1,679 18	241
G. E. Dis. of Columbia.	Washington.....	5	44	30	....	1,315 60	315
G. E. Tennessee.....	Nashville.....	....	....	....	....	....	....
G. E. N. Carolina.....	Wilmington....	10	21	....	1	1,007 19	274
G. E. Georgia.....	Macon.....	....	....	....	....	....	....
G. E. Louisiana.....	New Orleans...	8	87	22	2	3,607 05	521
G. E. Alabama.....	Mobile.....	11	28	....	1	703 50	156
G. E. Indiana.....	Indianapolis...	29	239	4	2	4,430 70	971
G. E. Michigan.....	Kalamazoo....	10	11	3	....	....	89
G. E. R. Island.....	Providence....	5	31	38	9	519 95	317
G. E. Delaware.....	Wilmington.....	8	48	8	....	941 16	302
G. E. Connecticut....	New Haven.....	15	60	45	2	1,114 14	465
G. E. Wisconsin.....	Southport.....	7	21	16	1	....	212
G. E. N. New York...	Utica.....	68	265	195	....	7,999 56	2,001
G. E. Illinois.....	Springfield....	15	70	2	....	1,122 66	339
G. E. Missouri.....	St. Louis.....	11	64	13	1	1,560 84	330
G. E. Iowa.....	Muscatine.....	6	26	....	....	370 67	144
Texas.....	.....	2	....	4	....	61 00	12
Arkansas.....	.....	4	13	....	....	543 35	67
Vermont.....	.....	2	38	....	....	200 94	78
Minnesota.....	.....	1	6	....	....	88 75	19
Florida.....	.....	1	....	....	....	....	7
		508	2852	1152	86	\$92,823 54	21,469

ANNUAL REPORT of *Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., for the year ending June 30, 1852, continued.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	Total amount of Relief.	Funds in the Treasury.	Funds Invested.	Widow's and Orphan's Fund.
G. E. Maryland.....	4,728 50			
G. E. Pennsylvania....	12,309 35	\$6,542 45	\$15,990 96	\$689 08
G. E. S. New York...	1,768 37	2,567 49	3,232 00	
G. E. Ohio.....	3,800 00			
G. E. New Jersey.....	680 00			
G. E. Virginia.....	1,510 66			
G. E. South Carolina..				
G. E. Massachusetts...	1,753 71			
G. E. Kentucky.....				
G. E. Maine.....	235 50			
G. E. New Hampshire..	159 00			
G. E. Mississippi.....	222 00	482 28		
G. E. Dis. of Columbia.	550 00	617 28	2,512 67	
G. E. Tennessee.....				
G. E. North Carolina..	118 00			
G. E. Georgia.....				
G. E. Louisiana.....	695 00	1,586 75	2,600 00	
G. E. Alabama.....				
G. E. Indiana.....	1,146 50			
G. E. Michigan.....	3 00			
G. E. Rhode Island. ...	267 90			
G. E. Delaware.....	533 00			
G. E. Connecticut....				
G. E. Wisconsin.....	135 17			
G. E. N. New York...	1,618 51			
G. E. Illinois.....				
G. E. Missouri.....	235 56	1,265 30	1,020 00	
G. E. Iowa.....				
Texas*.....				
Arkansas†.....				
Vermont.....				
Minnesota.....				
Florida‡.....				
	\$36,669 73			

* Only one Encampment reported. † One Encampment not reported. ‡ No report due.

Rep. Vennigerholz, from the committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the Annual Report of the M. W. Grand Sire, for the purpose of allotting the several subjects therein contained to appropriate committees, beg leave to report, that upon a due consideration of the subject they would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, 1st. That so much of said report as relates to the issuing of dispensations for Lodges and Encampments in Iowa, Oregon, Minnesota, New Mexico, and Florida, be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

2d. That so much as relates to the Order in California, and so much as relates to the establishment of the Order in Panama, and of Encampments in Florida, Iowa, and New Mexico, be referred to the same committee.

3d. That so much as relates to the proposed union of the Order with an association styling itself "The Independent Order of Odd Fellows of England," be referred to a special committee of three.

4th. That so much as relates to the degree of Rebekah, and the position of Maryland and North Carolina relative thereto, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

5th. That so much as relates to the contribution of a block of marble to the National Monument, be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

6th. That so much as relates to the revenue of this Grand Lodge, and procuring a seal and press for the Grand Lodge, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

7th. That so much as relates to the imperfections and deficiencies in the laws of the Order, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

8th. That so much as relates to the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

9th. That so much as relates to "contributions in aid of the annuity proposed to be conferred on the honored Patriarch of our Order," be referred to a special committee of three.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. TIEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
WILSON SMALL,
CHARLES BILLINGHURST.

On motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., the rule was suspended, and the report considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., the report of the Corresponding Secretary was referred to the same committee to which the Grand Sire's report was referred for the purpose of distributing to appropriate committees the subjects therein referred to.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Texas relative to the admission of Indians as members of the Order and the establishment of Lodges in the Indian Territory, respectfully report:

That in the opinion of the committee it would be inexpedient to grant the application. The wandering and unstable habits of the In-

dian, the want of education, and the many other reasons afforded by his semi-civilized state, would render him but ill able to carry out the principles of the Order, while it would perchance endanger that necessary secrecy which is required by our organization.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Texas relative to the passage of a law requiring Subordinate Lodges to pay benefits to sick stranger brethren, respectfully report:

That under the comity now existing between the Lodges of the several jurisdictions, it has been usual for a brother needing relief in a place other than his residence, to apply therefor to any Lodge, and after due examination aid is generally given. No law now of force renders it imperative, and the committee are of opinion that the passage of a law rendering it imperative to give relief to stranger brethren would be injurious to the interests of the Order. Many reasons could be assigned for this opinion—one alone the committee think is sufficient to show the inexpediency of such legislation. It is, that under such a law a Lodge could be compelled to act towards a stranger of whom nothing may be known, or of whom much may be known highly discreditable, as though he were a member of unblemished character, while the Lodge would have no jurisdiction over him for punishment. The committee are of opinion that it will be more advantageous to the Order that no change should be made in the construction put upon the law governing benefits, but that the matter should be left to the comity now existing between Lodges, and to that spirit which never turns a deserving brother empty away. Upon the expiration of a card, it is the duty of the holder to return it to his Lodge, and if relief has been granted, such relief should be endorsed upon the card, and is almost universally returned by the Lodge granting the card to the Lodge affording relief.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiries submitted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Texas relative to the arrears of suspended members, and also as to the admission of persons who having once been members of the Order have lost sight of their connexion therewith, respectfully report:

That in the opinion of the committee suspension from membership works no suspension from arrears. It is a mode of punishment, and

the punishment would often be deprived of its force should the arrears cease to run. The committee believe that upon a reinstatement the full amount accruing before and after suspension is that which should be paid.

In answer to the second inquiry, the committee are of opinion that but one course is open for persons to regain admission into the Order who have lost connexion therewith by disuse. It is to apply to the Lodges with which they were formerly connected for reinstatement. It is within the power of the Lodges to make such arrangement in regard to the accumulated arrears as will enable this reinstatement. But no Lodge can receive into membership one who has ceased to be a member of the Order from disuse of his privilege, since such person is unable to answer satisfactorily the questions propounded to every applicant relative to former connexion with the Order.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry submitted by Rep. Annors, of Pennsylvania, as to the right of the Noble Grand or Secretary to give travelling cards, unless applied for in open Lodge, respectfully report :

That when the form of visiting and withdrawal cards now used was adopted by this body in 1844, page 677, it was declared that it was to be determined upon by the Lodge. This has been reiterated in 1847, page 1085, and in 1848, page 1249. Under the existing law, therefore, a card cannot be granted by the Noble Grand or Secretary, or in any other manner than by the action of the Lodge.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred inquiries submitted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Northern New York relative to the right of Lodges to admit visiting brethren, and also as to the right of brethren engaged in hazardous climes and occupations to benefits, respectfully report :

That at the communication of 1851, p. 1723, this Grand Body declared "that one having proper credentials should be received as a visiting brother." The committee are therefore of opinion that a Subordinate Lodge has no right to decline admitting a visiting brother, if he is correct in the usual forms required. His conduct, if improper, should, in the language of the above quoted decision, "be reported to the Lodge granting the card."

In regard to the second inquiry, this Grand Body, at the communi-

eration of 1851, p. 1738, declared that Subordinate Lodges had no right to refuse a card to a member because of his intention to visit a more dangerous climate than that in which the Lodge is located. By parity of reasoning, it appears manifest to the committee, a Lodge would have no right to refuse benefits accruing from sickness in such climate. If the disease has been contracted from immoral living, the members would generally be excluded from benefits by the laws of the several Lodges. But unless contracted by such immoral conduct, the hazard of climate appears to be one of the risks insured against, and the member would be entitled to the benefits.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred inquiries from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana relative to the right of Subordinate Lodges to grant to a Noble Grand leave of absence for a majority of the nights of his term, and also as to the right to reconsider a ballot of election, respectfully report :

That at the communication of 1850, p. 1613, this Grand Lodge declared it the established law of the Order "that service for the majority of the nights of a term was requisite to entitle one to the past official degrees." The committee are therefore of opinion that a Subordinate Lodge cannot grant such leave of absence without working a forfeiture of the honors of the term to the officer to whom the leave is granted.

In reply to the second inquiry, the committee are of opinion that the decisions made by the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania in 1849, p. 430, and of Michigan in 1847, p. 214, and in 1851, p. 56, "that a ballot cannot under any circumstances be reconsidered, but must stand as a final judgment," is the correct doctrine of the Order. If fraud is charged, the ballot could certainly be scrutinized; and if fraud is established a new ballot should be ordered—but a reconsideration of a ballot is inadmissible.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry submitted by Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, relative to the power of Subordinate Lodges to hold adjourned meetings, respectfully report :

That in the opinion of the committee a Subordinate Lodge has no power to adjourn, but must close in due form. If an extra meeting is required, it can be called in the manner pointed out by the by-laws of the several Lodges.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. Steele, of North Carolina, relative to a conflict between the powers of officers, as laid down in the Digest and in the secret work of the Order, respectfully report:

That by division 3, article 3, section 15 of the Digest, all of the appointed officers are stated to be appointed by the Noble Grand, and the committee entertain no doubt that the R. and L. S. of the Vice Grand are to be appointed by that officer. The apparent conflict arises doubtless from some accident. But that this may be rectified, the committee recommend the adoption of the appended resolution:

Resolved, That division 3, article 3, section 15 of the Digest, be amended by striking out in the 4th line the words "R. and L. S. of Vice Grand," and by adding at the close of the section the words "and R. and L. S. of Vice Grand, who are appointed by the Vice Grand."

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the certificates of election of the following Representatives as in due form and properly authenticated, viz :

P. G. William Rounselle, Illinois; P. G. Robert H. Clarke, Delaware.

E. C. ROBINSON,
G. W. SHAW,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, and, finding it conformable to law, recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland be and is hereby approved.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

Rep. Vennigerholz, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Wisconsin,

which permits, in section 5, article vi. the Grand Lodge of said State to be opened in the scarlet degree during the installation of Grand Officers. Your committee deem this contrary to law and usage.

They also find a provision in article ix. requiring the property and effects of a lodge, having surrendered or forfeited its charter, to be sold, and the proceeds thereof to be added to the Grand Lodge funds, if not reinstated within three years. Usage is against such a proceeding, yet your committee deem the principle of setting a limitation to the time during which a Grand Body shall be compelled to hold the property and effects of a defunct subordinate in trust for the benefit of a sufficient number of its original members, entitled to apply for its restoration, just and reasonable; they would, therefore, recommend that said provision be approved.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge of Wisconsin be and is hereby required to strike out, in section 5 of article vi. all after the word "Order," in second line.

Resolved, That the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, whenever corrected as provided in the foregoing resolution, be and is hereby approved.

C. THEODORE VENNIGERHOLZ,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the Committee on Deferred Business, made the following report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed to report the unfinished business of the last Session would respectfully ask leave to report, that they have examined the Journal of September last, and find nothing in addition to what has already been presented to this Body under a resolution of the last session, directing the Grand Secretary to have all pending amendments to the Constitution arranged and printed and ready for use at the opening of the present communication. They would therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. ELLISON,
ISRAEL ROBINSON,
RICHARD MARLEY.

The Chair laid on the table the reports of the District Deputy Grand Sires, which, on motion of Rep. Hackleman, of Ind., were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Lyford, of N. H., presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Dibble, of N. N. Y., moved the following proposition, which, by general consent, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Has a Subordinate Lodge a right to make a by-law requiring the payment of higher dues from members going out of the State where the Lodge is located, than is required of those residing in the State ?

On motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on digesting the Rules of Order, pages 1833, 1834, which was adopted.

The Chair announced the appointment of Reps. Williamson, of Ky., Seymour, of S. C., and Fitzhugh, of Va., as the committee authorized, touching the proposition from the Odd-Fellows of England for a union with this Order.

The hour of ten o'clock having arrived, the Chair announced the election of Grand Officers as now in order, pursuant to the resolution adopted yesterday.

Whereupon the following nominations for the office of M. W. Grand Sire were made:

By Rep. Magruder, of D. C.,	P. G. M. D. P. Barnard, of N. N. Y.
By Rep. Senter, of N. H.,	P. G. M. Wm. Ellison, of Mass.
By Rep. Steele, of N. C.,	P. G. M. W. G. DeSaussure, of S. C.
By Rep. Stuart, of D. C.,	P. G. M. A. S. Kellogg, of Mich.
By Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va.,	P. G. M. H. L. Page, of Wisconsin.
By Rep. Carlisle, of Del.,	P. G. M. H. F. Askew, of Del.
By Rep. Simes, of N. H.,	P. G. M. T. G. Senter, of N. H.
By Rep. Wood, of R. I.,	P. G. M. John Wheeler, of R. I.
By Rep. Chidsey, of Ohio,	P. G. M. E. B. Olds, of Ohio.
By Rep. Hunt, of Texas,	P. G. M. Junius M. Willey, of Conn.

P. G. M. Willey, of Conn., declined the nomination as a candidate for the office of M. W. Grand Sire.

Rep. Hinsdale, of Wis., asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of D. Grand Sire H. L. Page as a candidate for the office of M. W. Grand Sire.

Rep. Kellogg, of Mich., respectfully declined the nomination as a candidate for the office of M. W. Grand Sire.

The nominations having been closed the Lodge proceeded to the election.

The Chair announced the appointment of Reps. Magruder, of D. C., Drew, of Mass., and Crickard, of La., as tellers.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives as they were severally called, and being about to report the result—

Rep. Conley, of Ga., inquired of the Chair whether a member from a Grand Body entitled to two votes was authorized to cast the vote of his colleague in his absence, in case of a ballot for officers.

The Chair ruled that he was, as the law governing the subject made no discrimination between balloting for officers and voting on legislative business.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., appealed from the decision of the Chair; and the question being, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

YEAS—Askew, Baldwin, Barnard, Billingham, Bradbury, Carlisle, Cassady, Chester, Chidsey, (2 votes,) Clark, Colfax, Crickard, Crutcher, Dibble, Drew

Dufour, Fitzhugh, Foute, Froment, Gillespie, Green, Gyles, Hale, Hansford, Hayward, Hunter, Jennings, Jones, Kempton, Kennedy, Libby, Lyford, Magruder, Manchester, Mathews, Mulford, Mullen, (2 votes,) Norman, Potts, Remington, Ridgely, I. Robinson, E. C., Robinson, Rounselle, (2 votes,) Russell, Sanders, Senter, Shaw, Shelley, Simes, Small, (2 votes,) Smiley, Steele, Taylor, Tuxbury, Williams, Williamson, Wood—62.

NAYS—Anners, Conley, Glenn, Gruman, Hackleman, Hardie, Hardenburgh, Hicks, Hinsdale, Hunt of Texas, Hunt of D. C., Kellogg of Mich., Kellogg of Wis., Lynes, McCord, Marley, Morton, Munday, Newby, Race, Ruple, Seymour, Simpson, Sligo, Stuart, Vansant, Vennigerholz, Zimmerman—28.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., now inquired of the Chair whether a member was entitled to vote for his colleague if such colleague were present.

The Chair replied in the negative.

The tellers reported that eighty-nine votes had been cast, of which number—

P. G. M. W. G. DeSaussure received	32
“ D. P. Barnard	24
“ W. Ellison	21
“ E. B. Olds	5
“ H. F. Askew	3
“ T. G. Senter	2
“ John Wheeler	1
“ F. D. Stuart	1

Whereupon, no election being had, the Lodge again proceeded to ballot.

Rep. Chidsey, of Ohio, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. M. Edson B. Olds as a candidate.

Rep. Simes, of N. H., asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. M. Senter as a candidate.

Rep. Kempton, of Ga., inquired of the Chair whether if a Representative was in the city, but absent from his seat in the Grand Lodge, his colleague was entitled to cast his vote.

The Chair replied in the affirmative.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, as they were respectively called, reported the following result:

That eighty-seven ballots had been cast, of which number—

P. G. M. D. P. Barnard had	32
“ W. G. DeSaussure	31
“ Wm. Ellison,	21
“ H. F. Askew,	3

Whereupon, no election being had, the Lodge again proceeded to ballot.

The tellers having received the votes of the Representatives as they were severally called, reported that eighty-seven ballots had been cast, of which number—

P. G. M. W. G. DeSaussure received	38
“ D. P. Barnard	32
“ Wm. Ellison	14
“ H. F. Askew	3

Whereupon, no election being made, Rep. Senter, of N. H., asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. M. Ellison as a candidate for the office of M. W. Grand Sire.

The Lodge proceeded again to ballot, when the tellers having received the votes of the Representatives as they were severally called, reported that eighty-nine ballots had been cast, of which number—

P. G. M. W. G. DeSaussure received	56
“ D. P. Barnard	32
Blank	1

The Chair accordingly announced that P. G. M. WILMOT G. DE SAUSSURE, of S. C., having received a majority of all the votes cast, was the duly chosen Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Lodge took a recess for half an hour.

HALF PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess, and proceeded again to the special order, to wit, the election of Grand Officers, when the following nominations were made for the office of Deputy Grand Sire:

By Rep. Conley, of Ga.,	P. G. M. Samuel Read, of N. J.
By Rep. Williams, of Ohio,	P. G. M. H. A. Manchester, of R. I.
By Rep. Sligo, of Pa.,	P. G. M. J. W. Stokes, of Pa.
By Rep. Hunter, of Va.,	P. G. M. Edw. H. Fitzhugh, of Va.
By Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y.,	P. G. M. E. C. Robinson, of Va.
By Rep. Askew, of Del.,	P. G. M. John G. Potts, of Ill.
By Rep. Sanders, of N. N. Y.,	P. G. M. W. E. Jennings, of Ala.
By Rep. Magruder, of D. C.,	P. G. M. T. G. Senter, of N. H.
By Rep. Colfax, of Ind.,	P. G. M. John H. Taylor, of Ind.

Rep. Robinson, of Va., declined being a candidate.

The Chair appointed Rep. Vansant, of Md., one of the tellers, vice Rep. Drew, of Mass., declined.

The nomination being closed, the Lodge proceeded to ballot.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives as they were severally called, reported that eighty-eight ballots had been cast, of which number—

P. G. M. H. A. Manchester received	20
“ T. G. Senter	18
“ John G. Potts	14
“ Samuel Read	14
“ E. H. Fitzhugh	7
“ W. E. Jennings	6
“ J. H. Taylor	4
“ J. W. Stokes	4
Blank	1

Whereupon, no election being had, the Lodge proceeded to another ballot.

Rep. Hunter, of Va., withdrew the name of P. G. M. Fitzhugh, of Va.

Rep. Sligo, of Pa., withdrew the name of P. G. M. Stokes, of Pa.

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., withdrew the name of P. G. M. Taylor, of Ind.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives as they were severally called, reported that eighty-seven ballots had been cast, of which number—

P. G. M. H. A. Manchester	received	39
“ Jno. G. Potts	“	18
“ T. G. Senter	“	14
“ Samuel Read	“	11
“ W. E. Jennings	“	3
Blank		2

No election being had, the Lodge again proceeded to ballot.

Rep. Sanders, of N. N. Y. withdrew the name of P. G. M. Jennings, of Ala.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., withdrew the name of P. G. M. Read, of N. J.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives as they were called, reported that eighty-eight ballots had been cast, of which number—

P. G. M. H. A. Manchester	had	66
“ Jno. G. Potts	“	13
“ T. G. Senter	“	8
“ Jno. W. Stokes	“	1

The Chair accordingly announced that P. G. M. HORACE A. MANCHESTER, of R. I., having received a majority of all the votes cast, was the duly chosen Deputy Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge proceeded to nominations for the office of Grand Recording Secretary, when the following nominations were made:

By Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Maryland.

By Rep. Jennings, of Ala., P. G. William Curtis, of Pennsylvania.

Rep. Anners, of Pa., withdrew the name of P. G. Wm. Curtis.

There being no other nominations, the Lodge proceeded to the election; and the tellers having received the ballots as they were respectively called, reported that sixty-five ballots had been cast, of which number—

P. G. M. James L. Ridgely	had received	49
Blank		16

Whereupon the Grand Sire announced that P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was the duly chosen Grand Recording Secretary for the ensuing term.

The Lodge then proceeded to nominations for the office of Grand Treasurer, when the following nominations were made:

By Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., P. G. M. A. E. Warner, of Md.

By Rep. Chidsey, of Ohio, P. G. M. Morris, of Pa.

By Rep. Jennings, of Ala., G. M. Zimmerman, of Md.

By Rep. Kellogg, of Mich., P. G. Vansant, of Md.

By Rep. Williams, of Ohio, P. G. W. B. Magruder, of D. C.

By Rep. Colfax, of Ind., P. G. J. W. Hale, of S. N. Y.

By Rep. Shaw, of La., P. G. M. Sessford, of D. C.

Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y., and Rep. Magruder, of D. C., declined being candidates.

The Chair appointed Rep. Fitzhugh as teller, vice Rep. Vansant, declined.

The nominations being closed, the Lodge proceeded to ballot, when the tellers having received the votes of the Representatives as they were severally called, reported that eighty-seven ballots had been cast, of which number—

P. G. M. A. E. Warner had received	39
P. G. Vansant	17
P. G. M. Morris	7
G. M. Zimmerman	6
P. G. Magruder	6
P. G. Hale	4
P. G. M. Sessford	3
P. G. M. Robinson	1
Blank	4

And no election being had—

The names of P. G. M. Geo. S. Morris, of Pa., and P. G. M. Sessford, of D. C., were withdrawn.

At this stage of the proceedings Rep. Chester, of Mich., inquired whether the Grand Treasurer had obeyed the order of the last session requiring him to invest the surplus funds in the Treasury in six per cent. United States stocks.

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Va., the Grand Treasurer was permitted to address the Lodge in answer to the inquiry.

Whereupon the Grand Treasurer informed the Lodge that he was not aware that such an order had been passed, otherwise he would have obeyed it.

The Lodge again proceeded to the election, when the tellers, having received the ballots of the Representatives as they were severally called, reported that eighty-eight ballots had been cast, of which number—

P. G. M. A. E. Warner received	42
P. G. Vansant	31
P. G. Magruder	11
G. M. Zimmerman	2
Blank	2

There being no election the Lodge again proceeded to ballot.

Rep. Marley withdrew the name of G. M. Zimmerman.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, as they were severally called, reported that eighty-nine ballots had been cast, of which number—

P. G. Joshua Vansant had	47
P. G. M. A. E. Warner	38
Blank	4

Whereupon the Chair announced that P. G. JOSHUA VANSANT, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was the duly chosen Grand Treasurer for the ensuing term.

The Chair named Rep. Hackleman, of Ind., on the Committee on Returns, vice Rep. Emerson, absent.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the constitution of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Delaware, which they find conformable to law, provided section 3 of article 1 is not so construed as to exclude from membership such Past Chief Patriarchs as are legitimately entitled to the honors of the office of Chief Patriarch, although they may not have served a *full* term. With this qualification, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the constitution of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Delaware be and is hereby approved.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

Rep. Manchester, of R. I., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to dispensations granted to Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, respectfully report, that they have examined the several matters referred to them, and recommend that the dispensations issued by the Grand Sire during the recess of this Grand Lodge, establishing Subordinate Lodges at Salem, Oregon; St. Paul's, Minnesota; Santa Fe, New Mexico; and for a Subordinate Encampment at Monticello, Florida, be confirmed, and that warrants be issued accordingly.

H. A. MANCHESTER,
J. B. NEWBY,
WM. S. MUNDAY.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22—Nine o'clock A. M.

The Right Worthy Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Wm. W. Moore, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Junius M. Willey, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

By general consent, Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., moved a reconsideration of the vote had yesterday by which Rep. Stuart, of D. C., was not excused from service on the Committee on the State of the Order, which motion was adopted.

The question recurring on the leave asked to be excused from service on said committee, it was agreed to.

The Chair appointed Rep. Small, of S. N. Y., to supply the vacancy.

By general consent, Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That leave of absence for the remainder of this session be granted to Rep. R. F. Russell, of Northern New York, he having been called home by reason of sickness in his family.

Rep. I. Robinson, of Va., moved that the rule giving precedence in the order of business to reports of committees be suspended, for the purpose of enabling Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., to offer a resolution, which was agreed to.

When Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., moved the following propositions, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the law now in existence compelling the German Lodges to keep their minutes in the English language be and the same is hereby repealed.

Resolved, That it shall be competent for all State Grand Bodies to compel the German Subordinate Lodges under their respective jurisdictions to furnish extracts from their minutes translated into the English language, whenever they shall require it.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry submitted by Rep. Shaw, of Louisiana, relative to the delivery of the Past Grand's charge to initiates, respectfully report:

That there is no law which prevents the delivery of this charge by the Noble Grand. And although the charge should be given by a Past Grand, if present, yet circumstances may often require that this duty be entrusted to the Noble Grand. The committee are of opinion, however, that under no circumstances should this charge be given by the Vice Grand.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Kempton, of Georgia, relative to the furnishing a book of diagrams to each Grand Lodge and Encampment, respectfully report:

That this resolution has received from the committee the attention which its importance demands. But the committee are of opinion that more uniformity will be maintained in the work of the Order by requiring all instruction to emanate from one source, than could be obtained by the distribution sought. Diversity of instruction would unquestionably creep in, and this is abundantly proven by the annual

secret sessions of this body for instruction in the work of the Order. The increased difficulty of keeping secret the unwritten work, if entrusted to so many hands, is, in the opinion of the committee, an additional reason for recommending that the resolution be not adopted.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE.

SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry of Rep. Dibble, of Northern New York, relative to the right of Subordinate Lodges to make by-laws requiring higher rates of dues from members going out of the State where the Lodge is located than is required of those residing in the State, respectfully report:

That the subject of dues is one peculiarly for the legislation of State Grand Bodies, and any interference therewith on the part of this body is objectionable. In many jurisdictions a sliding rate of initiation fees has been adopted. Should a similar scale of dues meet the approval of the State Grand Lodge, the committee are of opinion such approval would be final.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,

SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the reports of the District Deputy Grand Sires, respectfully report:

That by one resolution of this body these reports have been referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, and by another to the Committee on Petitions. These reports having been first referred to the former committee, and such being the usual course of reference, the committee feel no hesitation in reporting.

The committee have examined the reports, and find nothing requiring legislation, and recommend that the reports be accepted.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE.

SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to his decisions during the recess, respectfully report that they have examined the same, and are of opinion, viz :

Decision 1. The committee concur with the M. W. Grand Sire, where the degree forms an integral part of the work of the Order. But where the degree "simply conferred a privilege, and did not necessarily affect the brethren now in possession of the work, because they are

not required to avail themselves of this privilege," the committee can see no objection to instruction therein by the Grand Representatives. Such a degree would not require the approval of the State Grand Bodies, for it is the conferring of a privilege upon the whole body of the Order, by the only power which has the right to adopt the degree. In this opinion the committee are fortified by the usage of the Order, for at page 76 of the Journal it will be found that the R. P. D. was communicated to individual members before the lectures appertaining thereto were received.

Decision 2. The committee fully concur with the M. W. Grand Sire that where the place of meeting of State Grand Bodies is fixed by a constitutional provision, or by a by-law, the only manner of removing the body is by an alteration of the constitution, or of the by-law which fixes its location. But the committee cannot concur with the latter part of the decision, "that in the absence of such constitutional provision the meetings ought to be held at such places as are designated in the charters," without the power of the Grand Lodge to remove. The spirit of the legislation of 1851 was to give power to the Grand Bodies to become moveable, and under this spirit the charter would be but a rule of order, so far as it designated the place of meeting, and be alterable at the will of the body. This view is confirmed by the consideration that the charter being the designation by this body of a place of meeting, and the same power which fixed the place of meeting having delegated to another the power to change such place, the fixing is but a rule of order, alterable at the pleasure of that body to which such power is delegated.

Decision 3. The committee fully concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

Decision 4. The committee concur with the M. W. Grand Sire that the terms of Grand Officers are for one year; and also in the decision that "Grand Officers who are elected for the brief period of three or four months would not be entitled to the official honors of said offices," in so far as the same does not conflict with the heretofore decision of this body. At the communication of 1848, page 1245, it was decided that "by voluntarily withdrawing from the duties of a station an officer forfeits the honors thereof, and the successor who fulfils the duties for the unexpired term becomes entitled to said honors." The decision of the M. W. Grand Sire should therefore be so far qualified as to be consistent with the declared opinion of this body.

Decision 5. The committee concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

Decision 6. The committee concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

Decision 7. The committee concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

Decision 8. The committee concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

Decision 9. The committee concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

Decision 10. The committee concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

Decision 11. The committee concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

Decision 12. The committee concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

Decision 13. The committee concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

Decision 14. The committee concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

Decision 15. The committee concur in, and recommend that the same be approved.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. Askew, of Del., from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave respectfully to report, that after an examination of the various papers which have been submitted to them they discover nothing which requires any additional attention from this Grand Lodge: the subject matters have either been already attended to or referred to their appropriate committees.

The Order is represented generally to be in a healthy and prosperous condition.

H. F. ASKEW,
JAMES M. CASSADY,
L. E. BALDWIN.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. Dunlap from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, that a Subordinate Lodge has the right to grant the Noble Grand leave of absence for a majority of the nights of his term, would respectfully ask leave to report :

That the subject has already been considered by the Committee on the State of the Order, whose report may be found on page 1886, of the proceedings of the present communication. Your committee would state that their views correspond with those presented by the committee, "that a subordinate has no such right."

WILLIAM ELLISON,
HENRY F. ANNERS,
OLIVER DUFOUR.

Rep. Ellison, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of

P. G. S. G. Swan from the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas, would respectfully ask leave to report the following statement of facts:

P. G. Swan, at the February Session of the Grand Lodge of Texas, offered a resolution "that it shall be necessary for the officers of a Subordinate Lodge to receive the Degree of Rebekah, in addition to the requisites required, before they are competent to the several offices of a Subordinate Lodge." The yeas and nays upon the resolution being required, it was decided in the negative—yeas 6, nays 9. Whereupon P. G. Swan appealed to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Your committee find nothing informal or wrong in the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of P. G. S. G. Swan be dismissed.

WM. ELLISON,
HENRY F. ANNERS,
OLIVER DUFOUR.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred a certain paper purporting to be a copy of amendments made to the by-laws of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, respectfully beg leave to report:

That your committee do not deem the by-laws of a Grand Lodge, or amendments thereto, a legitimate matter of reference to the Committee on Constitutions. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Representative of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania have leave to withdraw the paper referred to in the foregoing report.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

Rep. Vennigerholz, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the amendments to the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, That the amendments to article ix. section 7 of the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina be and is hereby approved.

Resolved, That the amendment to article iii. section 1 of the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina, adopted by that body on the 21st of January, 1852, be *not* approved. A Grand Lodge can hold its meetings only at such places as may be designated by its constitution and by-laws, or by its charter.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

Rep. Vennigerholz, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and now recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to wit :

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky be and is hereby required to alter its constitution by striking out all of section 3, article iii., after the word "*chairs*," in 4th line ; also, sections 4 and 5 of the same article ; also, in the 5th line of section 3, article iv., the words "*been elected into and*"—that portion of said constitution being contrary to section 20 on pages 50 and 51 of the Digest.

Resolved, That said Grand Lodge be further required to erase from its constitution, in line 21, section 1, article viii., the words "*or Subordinate Lodges* ;" also, in line 25, same section and article, the words "*or of the Subordinate Lodges*." The powers of a Grand Master over Subordinate Lodges being sufficiently defined in section 6, pages 46 and 47 of the Digest.

Resolved, That said Grand Lodge be further required to erase from its constitution, in section 4, article xiv., all after the words "*Grand Lodge*"—the laws or usages of the Order not recognising a re-initiation.

Resolved, That the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, whenever altered as required by the foregoing resolutions, be and is hereby approved.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

Rep. Vennigerholz, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to wit :

Resolved, That the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia be and is hereby approved.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

Rep. Vennigerholz, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey be and is hereby approved.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

Rep. Vennigerholz, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred a resolution of Rep. Race, of La., as found on page 1846 of the Journal, asking authority for the R. W. Grand Encampment of Louisiana to amend her constitution as follows:

Amend article vi, section 3, by striking out the word *fifteen*, in the third line, and inserting the word *five*.

Article vi, section 4, by striking out the word *fifteen*, and inserting the word *five*, and add to the same section, after the words "*paid for relief*," the following, viz. "and any encampment failing to comply with the requirements contained in sections 3 and 4 of this article shall be fined ten dollars for each failure."

Article iii, section 3, by striking out the whole section and substituting therefor the following, viz: "The nomination and election of each elective officer shall take place at the regular annual session in January, in the order of enumeration in section 1st of this article."

Beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the authority asked for by the R. W. Grand Encampment of Louisiana be and is hereby granted.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

Rep. Vennigerholz, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the constitution and by-laws of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, of the Territory of New Mexico, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That Paradise Lodge, No. 2, be required to amend section 8 of article vi. constitution so as to require the Secretary and Treasurer to be members of the Scarlet Degree.

Resolved, That said Lodge be required to amend section 7 of article viii. constitution so that a certificate to receive the past official degrees be furnished to all Past Officers without taking a vote thereon. (See Digest, pages 43, 44 and 50, sections 5, 7 and 21.)

Resolved, That the constitution and by-laws of said Paradise Lodge, No. 2, when amended as directed in the foregoing resolutions be and are hereby approved.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

Rep. Vennigerholz, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the constitution and by-laws of Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, of the Territory of New Mexico, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, That Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, of New Mexico, be and is hereby required to amend section 8 of article viii. constitution so that a certificate to receive the past official degrees be furnished without a vote thereon to all past officers entitled thereto. (See Digest, pages 43, 44 and 50, sections 5, 7 and 21.)

Resolved, That the constitution and by-laws of said Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, when amended as directed in the foregoing resolution, be and are hereby approved.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JOSEPH L. DREW.

Rep. Manchester, of R. I., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was read, and, by special order, considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the applications for a Grand Lodge in California, respectfully report:

That the several communications accompanying said application contain charges against the D. D. Grand Sire of that jurisdiction, which, if true, requires the prompt intervention of executive authority. They would therefore recommend their further reference to the Committee on Correspondence for investigation.

H. A. MANCHESTER,
J. B. NEWBY,
WM. S. MUNDAY.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was, by special order, considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the Annual Report of the R. W. Grand Secretary, for the purpose of allotting the several subjects therein contained to appropriate committees, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and now recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, 1st. That so much thereof as relates to the "Honolulu Hall Fund" and the Order in the Sandwich Islands be referred to the committee on that subject under the M. W. Grand Sire's Report.

2d. That so much as relates to the Wilkey Annuity be referred to the special committee on that subject under the M. W. Grand Sire's Report.

3d. That so much as relates to the new edition of the Journal; to the manner of keeping the books and accounts; to the balances due by individuals; to the accounts of D. D. G. Sire Ballou, of Vermont; to the indebtedness of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maine; to the claim for indemnity of D. D. G. Sire Amos Mathews, and "State Encampment, No. 3," of Iowa; and all other matters of finance, together with the several accounts and financial statements of the R. W. Grand Secretary and R. W. Grand Treasurer, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

4th. That so much as relates to the Order in Great Britain be referred to the special committee having that part of the M. W. Grand Sire's report relative thereto in charge.

5th. That so much as relates to the Order in British North America, and all other correspondence not otherwise herein referred, to the Committee on Correspondence.

6th. That so much as relates to an application for an additional Encampment in Texas; to an application for a Lodge in Oregon; to the Order in California; and to the issuing of warrants for Encampments and Lodges in Iowa, Florida, Oregon, Minnesota, and New Mexico, be referred to the Committee on Petition.

7th. That so much as relates to the returns and correspondence from Minnesota and New Mexico be referred to the Committee on Returns.

8th. That so much as relates to the "advertisement for sealed proposals for printing the Journals of this Body, together with such proposals," be referred to the Committee on Printing.

C. THEODORE VENNIGERHOLZ,
WILSON SMALL,
CHARLES BILLINGHURST.

Rep. Williamson, of Ky., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred sundry papers relating to the union of the Order in England and America, ask leave to report as follows:

The documents in the hands of your committee are the following:

1. A letter signed by John N. Davis, certifying that he was in destitute circumstances in London, and his case being presented to a Lodge of the Ancient Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in that city, his wants were promptly relieved; and further, that he was the bearer of certain papers to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

2. A communication addressed to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States of America, purporting to emanate from the Central Corresponding Delegate Committee of the Ancient Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of England, and to be signed in behalf thereof, but which in fact has no signature. This paper urges a union of the Order in England and America, and intimates that there is on the part of the members in England an ardent desire for the accomplishment of that object.

3. A document containing the names of some four hundred members and officers of the Order, who are in favor of and urge the adoption of the proposed measure.

4. A printed list of sixty-four Lodges, as belonging to the Order, all of whom it is understood are in favor of this measure.

Your committee deem it proper to state that there are several Orders of Odd-Fellows in England between whom and the Order in the United States there are few points of resemblance except in name and the several objects contemplated. The papers in the hands of your committee do not come from that Order of Odd-Fellows from which the Order in the United States has formally separated, but from another and a distinct body. What correspondence there may be between the work, the usages, and customs of that Order and our own, your committee are not informed. It is presumed, however, that there is little or none. This fact is deemed of itself an insuperable barrier to the union proposed, unless, indeed, the Ancient Order in England should adopt our work; for it is believed that this Grand Lodge should not abandon its work or hold fellowship with any body that does not re-

cognise that work. Anxious as this Grand Lodge is to extend the beneficent influences of Odd-Fellowship, and hasten the time when our beloved Order shall be one and undivided throughout the Globe, nevertheless it is deemed proper to say distinctly to all similar institutions of every name and country who may desire a union with us, that such union can only be consummated by their coming to us; we cannot go to them. The policy of this Grand Lodge is fixed—its beautiful ritual is established—its laws and customs are already defined—and having been submitted to the test of practical experiment, have been found to work admirably. If any body of men, at home or abroad, shall feel disposed to come into our fraternity, take our name, assume our obligations, and perform our work, and shall distinctly make proposals to that effect, no doubt this Grand Lodge will lend a favorable ear to such overtures. To nothing short of this should this Grand Lodge listen. The committee deem this definite statement due, in candor and courtesy, to that body which has approached us in a spirit of kindness, and should therefore be treated with all friendship.

In the present instance your committee are constrained to say that the papers in their possession lack authentication, and are so indefinite in themselves as to render any action of this Grand Lodge unnecessary, except such as is indicated in the subjoined resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and hereby is directed to forward a copy of this report, together with the action of this Grand Lodge thereon, to the Central Corresponding Delegate Committee of the Ancient Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of England, and inform the said committee that his office is the appropriate channel through which they can approach this Grand Lodge, as also of our high appreciation of their kindness in relieving the necessities of a member of this jurisdiction.

I. D. WILLIAMSON,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
R. W. SEYMOUR.

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., the Lodge agreed to consider the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a committee of three be raised by election, to whom shall be referred the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge, to report such amendments thereto as they shall deem to be required by the Order.

Resolved, That the said committee have leave to sit during the recess, provided such session shall not exceed one week, and the same compensation shall be allowed per diem to the members of the committee as is now allowed to Grand Representatives.

Resolved, That the said committee be instructed to present their report on the first day of the next communication, with power to have two hundred copies of the same printed for the use of the members of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the report of the said committee do lie upon the table during the communication of 1853, and be considered as amendments of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order, to be acted upon at the communication of 1854.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., moved to amend the first resolution by striking out "three" and inserting "five;" which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the first resolution as amended, it was adopted.

The question recurring on the second resolution—

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Va., moved to amend by striking out the "three last resolutions," and inserting the following :

Resolved, That the said committee report at the present session of this Grand Lodge, and that their report do lie upon the table, and be considered as amendments of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order, to be acted upon at the communication of 1853.

The question being on the amendment—

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was put as follows: "Shall the second resolution submitted by Rep. DeSaussure, of South Carolina, be adopted?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the third resolution—

Rep. Simpson, of Pa., moved to amend as follows, which was not adopted :

Resolved, That the said committee shall have power to have five hundred copies of their report printed ; at least one copy thereof furnished to each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, and Grand Representative, under this jurisdiction, on or before May 1, 1853, for their consideration ; and that said report shall be made the order of the day for the first day of the next session of this Grand Lodge.

The question recurring on the third resolution of Rep. DeSaussure, it was adopted.

The fourth resolution being under consideration, Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., moved to amend as follows :

Strike out all after the words "That the report of the said committee," and insert the words, "shall be considered and may be amended, and if the constitution as reported, or reported and amended, shall be approved by the votes of a majority of the Grand Lodge of the United States at the annual session of 1853, it shall lie upon the table until the annual session of 1854, at which time it shall be considered and voted upon as a whole, without being divided or amended."

Rep. Hunt, of D. C., moved further to amend by adding the following to the fourth resolution :

"Without amendment, the vote at that communication being taken on adoption or rejection of the amendments of 1853."

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved the previous question, which being seconded the question was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., asked and obtained leave to withdraw his amendment; which carried the amendment of Rep. Hunt, of D. C., with it.

The question recurred on the fourth resolution of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., which was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Va., the Lodge agreed to consider the amendment to the by-laws, submitted by Rep. Stuart, of D. C., page 1845; which being under consideration Rep. Hunter, of Va., moved to amend the amendment as follows :

Resolved, That the sixteenth rule of order be amended by striking out all after the words in italics, and inserting in lieu thereof the words: "And if carried in the affirmative, the question shall be taken without further debate upon the pending question."

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution submitted by Rep. Stuart, of D. C., to amend the rules of order?" and it was resolved in the affirmative, the question having been taken *seriatim*.

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Va., the Lodge proceeded to receive nominations for the committee provided for by the resolution just adopted, raising a committee of five upon amendments to the constitution, by-laws, and rules of order, when the following were made:

By Rep. Simpson, of Pa.,	Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C.
By Rep. Gruman, of Conn.,	G. Sire Wm. W. Moore, of D. C.
By Rep. Sligo, of Pa.,	Rep. Annors, of Pa.
By Rep. Gyles, of S. C.,	Rep. Colfax, of Ind.
By Rep. Mathews, of Ky.,	Rep. Williamson, of Ky.
By Rep. Chidsey, of Ohio,	Rep. Williams, of Ohio.
By Rep. Robinson, of Va.,	Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y.
By Rep. Hackleman, of Ind.,	Rep. Fitzhugh, of Va.
By Rep. Senter, of N. H.,	Rep. Ellison, of Mass.
By Rep. Kempton, of Ga.,	Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y.
By Rep. Hunt, of D. C.,	Rep. Stuart, of D. C.
By Rep. Baldwin, of Conn.,	Rep. Manchester, of R. I.
By Rep. Potts, of Ill.,	Rep. Askew, of Del.
By Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y.,	Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y.
By Rep. Conley, of Ga.,	P. G. S. Griffin, of Ga.
By Rep. Jennings, of Ala.,	G. Sec. Ridgely, of Md.
By Rep. Fitzhugh, of Va.,	Rep. Crickard, of La.
By Rep. Kellogg, of Wis.,	Rep. Billinghamst, of Wis.
By Rep. Askew, of Del.,	Rep. Munday, of Tenn.
By Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va.	Rep. Seymour, of S. C.
By Rep. Shaw, of La.,	Rep. Glenn, of Ga.
By Rep. Sanders, of N. N. Y.,	Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss.,
By Rep. Cassady, of N. J.,	Rep. Gyles, of S. C.
By Rep. Magruder, of D. C.,	Rep. Kellogg, of Mich.
By Rep. Shaw, of La.,	Rep. Conley, of Ga.

Reps. Gyles, Seymour, Conley, and Glenn respectively declined.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Lodge agreed to take a recess for half an hour.

HALF PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., by general consent, presented the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to use their influence to have the "old work" for initiations in Subordinate Lodges restored.

Resolved, That our Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to use their best efforts to make the continuance of membership in the Encampment independent of the Subordinate Lodge.

The Lodge then proceeded to the order pending at the time of recess, to wit, the election of the committee on amendments to the constitution, by-laws, and rules of order—

When Rep. Hardie, of Iowa, moved to postpone the election until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Cassady, of N. J., moved the following resolution, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That in balloting for the committee on amendments to the constitution and by-laws, the candidate receiving the smallest number of votes upon each ballot shall be dropped.

The Chair appointed Reps. Sanders, of N. N. Y., Libby, of Mo. and Simpson, Pa., as tellers, who, having received the ballots of the Representatives, as they were severally called, reported that eighty-six ballots had been cast, of which number—

Rep. DeSaussure received	-	-	78
Rep. Colfax	"	-	60
Rep. Barnard	"	-	47
Rep. Ellison	"	-	32
Rep. Griffin	"	-	31
Rep. Ridgely	"	-	25
Rep. Manchester	"	-	20
Rep. Kennedy	"	-	20
Rep. Williams	"	-	16
Rep. Williamson	"	-	15
Rep. Fitzhugh	"	-	14
Rep. Crickard	"	-	12
Rep. Moore	"	-	9
Rep. Askew	"	-	8
Rep. Stuart	"	-	7
Rep. Hale	"	-	7
Rep. Anners	"	-	6
Rep. Vennigerholz	"	-	6
Rep. Billingham	"	-	6
Rep. Kellogg	"	-	6
Rep. E. C. Robinson	"	-	2
Rep. Munday	"	-	2

Whereupon the Chair announced that Reps. DeSaussure, Colfax, and Barnard, having received a majority of all the votes cast, were duly elected.

The name of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., was withdrawn.

The Lodge again proceeded to ballot, when the tellers, having received the ballots of the Representatives as they were severally called, reported that eighty-six ballots had been cast, of which number—

Rep. Ellison	received	-	-	36
P. G. Sire Griffin	"	-	-	34
Rep. Ridgely	"	-	-	32
Rep. Manchester	"	-	-	26
Rep. Fitzhugh	"	-	-	11
Rep. Kennedy	"	-	-	10
Rep. Williamson	"	-	-	9
Rep. Williams	"	-	-	7
Rep. Conley	"	-	-	2
Rep. Crickard	"	-	-	2
Rep. Kellogg	"	-	-	1
Rep. Askew	"	-	-	1
Rep. Anners	"	-	-	1
Blank	"	-	-	1

And that no election had been had.

The names of Reps. Kellogg, Munday, Conley, Kennedy, Anners, Askew, Crickard, Williamson, and Williams were withdrawn.

The Lodge again proceeded to ballot, when the tellers, having received the ballots of the Representatives as they were severally called, reported that eighty-six ballots had been cast, of which number—

Rep. Ellison received	-	-	48
P. G. Sire Griffin	"	-	40
Rep. Ridgely	"	-	32
Rep. Manchester	"	-	28
Rep. Fitzhugh	"	-	13
Scattering	"	-	12

Whereupon the Chair declared that Rep. Ellison, of Mass., having received a majority of all the votes cast, was duly elected.

Rep. Ridgely withdrew his name.

The Lodge proceeded again to the ballot, when the tellers, having received the votes, reported that eighty-six ballots had been cast, of which number—

P. G. Sire Griffin received	-	-	58
Rep. Manchester	"	-	23
Rep. Fitzhugh	"	-	3
Scattering	"	-	2

The Chair accordingly declared that P. Grand Sire R. H. Griffin, having received a majority of the votes cast, was duly elected.

Whereupon Reps. DeSaussure, Colfax, Barnard, Ellison, and P. Grand Sire Griffin were announced to be the duly elected committee.

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., moved the following resolution, by general consent :

Resolved, That a copy of the resolutions offered by Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., be forwarded to the State Grand Bodies at as early a day as possible after the adjournment of this Grand Lodge, and that they be requested to submit to this R. W. Body at its next session, through their Representatives, such amendments or suggestions in reference to the constitution of this Grand Lodge as in their judgment may be necessary to accomplish the object in view.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved to indefinitely postpone the resolution, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Stuart, of D. C., it was adopted.

By general consent Rep. Dibble, of N. N. Y., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The chairman of the committee specially appointed "to inquire into the amount of revenue and expenditures of the various Subordinate Lodges attached to the several State jurisdictions subordinate to this Grand Lodge, with reference to establishing the same upon some solvent and stable basis, and report thereon, and upon the expediency of uniform rates of fees and benefits"—the residue of such committee having ceased to be members of this R. W. Grand Body—would respectfully report:

That they have addressed communications to the Representatives of all the State Grand Lodges subordinate to this R. W. Grand Body, and in most cases have received copies of their printed proceedings, many with and many without any statistics; and from them such information cannot be derived as is requisite to enable your committee to make such a report as the importance of the resolution demands.

From such information as your committee have been able to obtain, they are more strongly impressed with the urgent necessity of speedy and judicious legislation upon the subjects presented by said resolution. The sums required upon initiation and for degrees are not uniform throughout the jurisdiction, but range from five to thirty dollars for initiation, and from one to five dollars each for the degrees; and while these rates afford to some Lodges an ample fund to meet all demands upon their treasury, the funds of others are found totally inadequate, without resorting to an assessment upon their members. Your committee find, upon an examination of the printed proceedings of fourteen of the largest Grand Bodies, that their whole revenue amounts to the sum of \$549,318 56, and their relief bills to the sum of \$296,043 75, and that the same do not contain any statements of expenditures for buildings, paraphernalia, expenses, &c., which must greatly lessen the available funds. Wherefore your committee cannot find a basis from these proceedings to ground a report upon suggestive of the remedy demanded by the resolution.

Upon reference to the great increase in the bills of mortality, consequent upon age, as demonstrated by the tables prepared from observation and mathematical calculation, it will be found that of 7134 who reach the age required to take upon themselves the duties and responsibilities of our Order, only about 6032 reach the age of thirty-five, the meridian of manhood; and at the age of fifty-five only about 4727 will be left, and among these the grim destroyer will be so active that every year the ratio will increase, and at the age of seventy but few will be left. Some there will be who will linger on until the close

of the century, and at an hundred and six the drama of life will end, and the last brother drop into the grave, and the last spirit will have departed. These considerations, in the opinion of your committee, abundantly demonstrate the imperative necessity of efficient and speedy action in this matter; but when the relief bills are taken into account, that it will be incumbent upon our Order to pay for the care and sustenance of our sick and distressed brethren, in addition to the burying of our dead and educating the orphan, your committee believe that the care and supervision which the members of this R. W. Grand Body are accustomed to exercise over their own pecuniary matters, as evinced by their intelligence and personal appearance, will prompt them to make some permanent provision for the old age of our Order. We are now young and vigorous, but as time wears upon all things, so it will wear upon us, and soon bring upon our Order every where the decrepitude and infirmities of old age. It will be found, upon reference to the sick lists prepared for health insurance companies, that at the age of twenty-one it is estimated that one week, and at the age of thirty-five three weeks per annum, is the time allowed for sickness, and upon which their calculations are based; and if our Order adopts the same rule, it will at once be discovered that the funds of such Lodges as initiate for five dollars, and charge four dollars per annum for dues, must and will ultimately be greatly deficient in means to discharge such liabilities as the laws of our Order make incumbent upon them. Again, when the fact is taken into consideration that large sums are expended necessarily for the construction of halls, for furniture, and regalia appropriate to the necessities and work of the Order, and that very many of the Subordinate Lodges have large sums, while there are others without ready money in their treasury, and have debts hanging over them, the conviction is irresistible that insolvency must follow, and that something should be done to ensure permanency in the financial affairs of our Order.

The subject of friendly societies has been often agitated in the British Parliament, and been regarded as of great magnitude, and great have been the efforts, by enactment of law, to place their financial matters upon some sure and permanent basis; but your committee, although they have made great efforts, have not been able to procure any of the reports or enactments there made, and are therefore unable to further speak of their contents.

We cannot close this report without reference to the relief paid for the last year by Southern New York, which amounts to the large sum of \$72,119, divided among 18,290, giving to each member about \$4; and when the expenses are taken into account, there is but very little doubt but the \$4 will be increased to 6 or \$8. This, it may be said, is a city population. Take, then, other jurisdictions. Ohio—her relief bill has amounted to \$2 70 per member for the last year; and that of Pennsylvania to the sum of \$4 90 per member. These are only three of the many cases which might be referred to, showing the necessity of legislation upon this subject.

Your committee have, from these facts, reached the conclusion to

recommend that each Lodge subordinate to the respective State Grand Bodies be required to make returns of the amount of all funds on hand, moneys and securities of every name and kind, of all sums paid for relief, and for buildings, rents, furniture, regalia, fuel, lights, and each of them, and for any and all other expenses, to their respective Grand Bodies; which returns shall be embraced in their returns to this R. W. Grand Body, which only, in the opinion of your committee, can afford a proper basis to found action upon to attain the objects of the resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDGAR C. DIBBLE.

Rep. Senter, of N. H., from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the returns of the several Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, beg leave to report :

The returns from the following Grand Lodges as correct, viz : Northern New York, Southern New York, Massachusetts, Ohio, Kentucky, Maryland, Vermont, Delaware, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Maine, North Carolina, District of Columbia, New Jersey, Virginia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Rhode Island, Michigan, Texas, Missouri, Alabama, Connecticut, Wisconsin, and Illinois.

Also, the returns from the following Grand Encampments as correct, viz : Massachusetts, Northern New York, Southern New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Maine, North Carolina, Connecticut, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, New Hampshire, Mississippi, Louisiana, Wisconsin, District of Columbia, New Jersey, Virginia, and Rhode Island. The return from Alabama is deficient in seal and signatures of Grand Officers.

The returns from the following Subordinate Lodges as correct, viz : Paradise Lodge, No. 2; Minnesota, No. 1; St. Paul's, No. 2; Montezuma, No. 1; John G. Potts, No. 3; and Excelsior, No. 1.

The returns from the following Subordinate Encampments as correct, viz : Iowa, No. 6; Halcyon, No. 2; Puckehetnek, No. 7; Eureka, No. 2; Good Samaritan, No. 5; Prairie Camp, No. 4; Fort Smith, No. 3; Arkansas, No. 2; Eagle, No. 1; Green Mountain, No. 3; Minnesota, No. 1; Lone Star, No. 1; and Aseutney, No. 3.

There being some doubts relative to the passage of a law by the Grand Lodge of the United States at its last session requiring the Grand and Subordinate Bodies under its jurisdiction to return to this body a statement of the amount of funds in the treasuries of the several Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, also the amount set apart for widows' or orphan funds, many of the State Grand Bodies have failed to comply with the regulation, and your committee not being able to perceive what benefit could be obtained from said law, would respectfully offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution of Rep. Pindell, of Kentucky, page 1768, be repealed.

TIM. G. SENTER,
J. P. NORMAN,
P. A. HACKLEMAN.

Rep. Hunter, of Va., presented an appeal from the decision of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The Lodge proceeded to the special order of the day, to wit, the consideration of pending amendments to the constitution, in the order in which they appeared on the programme reported by the Grand Corresponding Secretary, in pursuance of the resolution of the last session.

Rep. Munday, of Tenn., moved the following resolution, which was not adopted:

Resolved, That all the pending amendments to the constitution and rules of order of the R. W. Grand Lodge, which, under the rule, come up for action at the present session, be referred to the special committee upon the constitution, by-laws, and rules of order.

The following propositions in amendment of the constitution were then successively taken up, and, each of them having been acted upon separately, they were indefinitely postponed:

Strike out article 1 and insert as follows: "This Grand Lodge shall be known by the name, style, and title of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, and possesses such powers and jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship over the territories comprising the Federal Government of the United States as are provided in this Constitution, and none other. All State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments assemble under its warrant, and cannot legally exist without its sanction. With the consent of any Grand Lodge or Encampment, it may receive an appeal of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, or a member thereof, from the decision of a Grand Lodge or Encampment; such consent, however, not being necessary when an expelled or suspended Lodge or Encampment, after having delivered up its charter, books, and effects, appeals from the decision of its Grand Lodge or Encampment. To it belongs the exclusive power to regulate and control the work of the Order, and the several degrees belonging thereto, and to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to all things which concern Odd-Fellowship; and also the exclusive power to publish all books or papers relating to the work of the Order, or any part thereof, and all cards, diplomas, and certificates connected with the Order. It has power to establish Lodges or Encampments in States, Districts, Territories, and Foreign countries where no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment exists, and to regulate the intercourse between the Order under its territorial jurisdiction and the Order in foreign countries. The unwritten work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended, except by a unanimous vote of this Grand Lodge; and the written work of the Order shall in no wise be altered and amended except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members of the Grand Lodge."

Article 1. Strike out first paragraph, ending with "final and conclusive," and insert: "This Lodge shall be known by the name, style, and title of the Grand Lodge of the United States I. O. O. F. It is a representative body, possessing such jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship over the territories comprising the Federal Government of the United States as is authorized by this constitution."

Article 1. Amend by inserting the words "added to" after the words in the last clause, "That the unwritten work of the Order shall in no wise be," and also by inserting the words "added to" after the words "the written work of the Order shall in no wise be," in the same clause.

Article 3. Strike from article 3, the word "at," where it first occurs, and insert "on the 1st day of." Strike from the same article the words, "at the stated meeting next ensuing their election," and insert in lieu thereof, "on the last day of the meeting at which they shall have been elected." Strike from same article the words "installed at the stated meeting next ensuing the election of Grand Officers," and insert, "forthwith installed."

Article 3. Add, "In all elections by ballot, after the second balloting, all names except those of the highest three candidates shall be dropped from the list."

Article 8. Strike out article 8, and insert: "The Past Grand Sires and the Grand Sire at the time of the adoption of this alteration of the constitution shall be admitted to seats in Grand Lodge, and be entitled to vote on all questions coming before the Grand Lodge, provided they be not Representatives; but all succeeding Past Grand Sires shall be limited to the powers of sitting in the Grand Lodge, and of making and debating motions."

Article 8. Strike out all after the words "Past Grand Sires," in the first line, and insert as follows: "Whose term had expired previous to Tuesday, the 16th September, 1851, shall be admitted to seats in the Grand Lodge, and be entitled to vote on all questions coming before the Grand Lodge, provided they be not Representatives."

Article 8. Strike out and insert in lieu thereof as follows: "Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to vote and speak on all questions coming before the Grand Lodge, but this privilege shall not be extended to any Grand Sire who shall not have passed the Chair at the time of the adoption of this article; provided that no Past Grand Sire shall be entitled to vote as such whilst occupying a seat as a Grand Representative."

Article 10. Strike out the words, "more than one thousand members, one additional vote," and instead thereof insert as follows: "One thousand members, two votes; four thousand members, three votes; and for each additional six thousand members, one additional vote; but no Grand Body shall be entitled to more than two representatives. Should the representatives vote on different sides, the excess of votes beyond one for each shall not be counted."

Article 11. Strike from first line the word "annually," and insert "biennially." Strike every thing from the constitution recognising the existence of Grand Encampments.

Article 11. Amend it in the second line by striking out "Monday" and inserting "Wednesday."

Article 11. Amend it by striking out the word "Monday" and inserting "Wednesday."

Article 11. Strike out the word "third" in second line, and insert the word "second."

The proposed amendment to the constitution, offered by Rep. Conley, of Ga., as follows, was considered and adopted, to wit:

Amend article 11 by striking out the word "third," in the second line, and inserting the word "first."

The yeas and nays on this amendment were as follows:

YEAS—Billingham, Cassady, Chester, Chidsey, (2 votes,) Clark, Conley, Colfax, Crickard, Crutcher, Dufour, Fitzhugh, Foute, Glenn, Gillespie, Gyles, (2 votes,) Hackleman, Hansford, Hardie, Hardenburgh, Hayward, Hicks, Hinsdale, Hunt of Texas, Hunt of D. C., Hunter, (2 votes,) Jennings, Kellogg of Mich., Kellogg of Wis., Kempton, Lyford, McCord, Magruder, Manchester, Marley, Mathews, Morton, Mullford, Mullen, Munday, Newby, Norman, Potts, Ridgely, I. Robinson, Rounsville, (2 votes,) Sanders, (2 votes,) Senter, Shaw, Shelley, Simes, Smiley, Steele, Stuart, Taylor, Vansant, Vennigerholz, Williams, Williamson, Wood—64.

NAYS—Annors, Askew, Baldwin, Barnard, (2 votes,) Bradbury, Carlisle, Drew, Ellison, Froment, Green, Gruman, Hale, Kennedy, Libby, Lynes, Race, Remington, Ruple, Simpson, Sligo, Tuxbury—23.

The next proposed amendment to the constitution, offered by Rep. Colfax, of Ind., to article 11, as follows, was, on his motion, indefinitely postponed:

Amend by striking out "the third Monday in September," and inserting "the second Thursday in September."

On motion, the Lodge adjourned to meet in secret session this evening, at 7 o'clock.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23—Nine o'clock A. M.

The Right Worthy Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Wm. W. Moore, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Junius M. Willey, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y., presented the credentials of P. Rep. Wm. R. Smith, of Me., vice Rep. Emerson, resigned, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. Dibble, of Northern New York, relative to the preparation of a form of dedicating halls of State Grand and Subordinate Lodges, respectfully report:

That the committee are unable during the press of business to prepare such forms, nor is it usual for such duty to devolve upon a standing committee. The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the appended resolution:

Resolved, That the duty of preparing a form of dedicating halls of Grand and Subordinate Lodges be referred to a special committee of three, to report thereon at the next annual communication.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia, relative to a restoration of the "old work" for initiations, and also upon the subject of membership in Encampments and Subordinate Lodges, respectfully report:

That the committee can see no benefit which will result from a return to the old work, and recommend that the suggestion be not adopted.

The committee also deem it inexpedient to make any change in the existing law upon the subject of cotemporaneous membership in the two branches of the Order. While the representation in this body continues to legislate for both branches, it is but proper to preserve the law unchanged.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the majority of the Committee on the State of the Order, presented the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, relative to the use of the German language in Subordinate Lodges, respectfully report:

That in the opinion of the committee it would be highly inexpedient to make a change in the existing law. Its effect would be to place the Lodges to a great extent beyond the supervision of their respective State Grand Bodies.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. Small, from the minority of the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned respectfully dissents from the opinion and recommendation of the majority of the Committee on the State of the Order, on the resolutions submitted by Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., relative to the record of minutes in German Subordinate Lodges, for the following reason:

A very large portion of the inhabitants of New York are German, and the number is daily increasing throughout the entire country. There are at this time ten Subordinate Lodges working in the German language in the Southern jurisdiction of New York; there is an impossibility of obtaining the services of proper persons to record their minutes in the English language; and the undersigned feels confident, unless relief be granted as desired, that those Lodges must necessarily surrender their charters.

The undersigned would therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the resolutions submitted by Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., as recorded at page 1895 of the proceedings of the present communication.

WILSON SMALL.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Past Grand Fabri, from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana,

upon the right of a Grand Body to omit recording any part of its proceedings, would respectfully ask leave to report:

That in the opinion of your committee a State Grand Body has an undoubted right to omit recording such of their proceedings as, in its judgment, should not appear upon the record. To what extent it would be proper for State Grand Lodges to exercise this right, does not come within the duties of your committee to determine. The committee would respectfully offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appellants have leave to withdraw his appeal.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
HENRY F. ANNERS,
OLIVER DUFOUR.

Rep. Ellison, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Michael Seagers, Isaac Schrivvers, and William Mathews, from the action of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, in refusing to allow a Representative and a P. H. Priest from the same Subordinate Encampment to cast more than *one* vote for Grand Officers, on the ground that Representatives and Past Officers from the same Subordinate Encampment are entitled to cast but *one* vote collectively, beg leave to report:

That the papers come before us in an unofficial form, neither the signature of the Grand Scribe nor the seal of the Grand Encampment being thereto affixed. They therefore beg to be discharged from the consideration of said appeal, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of Michael Seagers and others be dismissed on the ground of informality.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
OLIVER DUFOUR,
HENRY F. ANNERS.

Rep. Ellison, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Past Grand G. N. Seagrave from the action of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, sustaining the decision of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, in not allowing an appeal from its decision, in refusing to permit the Secretary of the Lodge to give his certificate that certain members had signed a protest against the judgment of the Lodge as being excessive in a case of expulsion, would respectfully ask leave to report:

That, from the brief statement furnished the committee, they see no reason why the decision of St. Mary's Lodge should not be sustained by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. Your committee believe that State Grand Lodges are themselves competent to decide questions of the

character here presented, and where such decisions do not conflict with constitutional enactments of this body, they should be final and conclusive. The committee append the following resolution :

Resolved, That the appeal of Past Grand G. N. Seagrave be not sustained.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
HENRY F. ANNERS,
OLIVER DUFOUR.

Rep. Shaw, of La., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a memorial from Sacramento Lodge, No. 2, California, asking that "sec. 3 of art. xiii. of the constitution of this Grand Lodge be suspended so far as its action affects that Lodge," have given the matter their careful attention, and would ask leave to report :

That although they fully appreciate the many difficulties under which our brethren of that distant State labor, your committee cannot recommend the granting of their petition, as it would be establishing a bad precedent, and place said Lodge on a different footing from similarly situated Lodges in different parts of the country. The committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the petition of Sacramento Lodge, No. 2, be *not* granted.

G. W. SHAW,
B. CONLEY,
JAMES B. KELLOGG.

Rep. Shaw, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance have carefully examined and recommend the payment of the following bills, viz :

Thomas J. Cochran & Bro., for Ice,	. . . . .	\$5 52
John E. Chamberlain, for newspapers,	. . . . .	8 00
M. W. Grand Sire, for postage,	. . . . .	13 50
" " Adams's Express,	. . . . .	1 25
" " for refunding cash paid for copying letters and other documents,	. . . . .	11 50
Assistant Messenger and cleaning Grand Lodge room during present session,	. . . . .	22 00
Extra charge for engraving portraits,	. . . . .	40 00
J. J. Johnson, small desk for Grand Messenger,	. . . . .	16 00
Louis Bonsal, for stationery,	. . . . .	11 00
Total,	. . . . .	\$128 77

G. W. SHAW,
B. CONLEY,
JAMES B. KELLOGG.

Rep. Shaw, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the application of San Francisco Lodge, No. 3, of California, to refund "the amount of per centage paid for the year ending the first of the present month, \$229 59, report as follows :

We have duly taken into consideration the facts, as stated in the communication from that Lodge, and while regarding with satisfaction their many acts in relieving the distressed, yet we deem it inexpedient to refund the amount asked for, it being inconsistent with the regulations of the Order.

G. W. SHAW.
B. CONLEY,
JAMES B. KELLOGG.

On motion of Rep. Vansant, of Md., the Lodge agreed to take up the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, presented by Rep. Williams, of Ohio, (page 1843,) when, on his motion, they were referred to the committee on amendments to the constitution, by-laws, and rules of order.

On motion of Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., the second of the series of resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States yesterday, providing for the payment of the per diem of the committee on amendments to the constitution, was reconsidered, when, on his motion, the said resolution was amended by adding the words "and mileage" after the words "per diem ;" and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., by general consent, moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to have the Degree of Rebekah translated into the German language, and a sufficient number of copies printed to furnish each of the German Lodges with two copies of the same.

Rep. Crikard, of La., moved to amend by having the same translated into the French language, and that two hundred copies of the same be printed.

On motion of Rep. Vansant, of Md., the whole subject was laid on the table.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was accepted and the accompanying resolution adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials report the certificate of appointment of P. G. M. Wm. R. Smith, of Maine, as authenticated by the signature of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine and seal of said Grand Lodge, but not attested by the Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That P. G. M. Wm. R. Smith, of Maine, be admitted to a seat as Grand Representative in this Grand Lodge from said State.

E. C. ROBINSON,
G. W. SHAW,
WILSON SMALL.

On motion of Rep. Hardenburgh, of N. C., the Lodge agreed to take up the reports of committees in the order in which they appear upon the Journal.

By general consent, Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., moved the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., was indefinitely postponed :

Resolved, That the six-months terms of the Subordinate Lodges having failed to be beneficial to the Order at large, the same be repealed, and the three months terms restored, to go in effect at the next January session of Subordinates.

Rep. Shaw, of La., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to inquire into and report upon the expediency of having the charges, installation, five subordinate degrees, and degree of Rebekah translated into the French and German languages.

Rep. Sligo, of Pa., by general consent, moved the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Has a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment the power to direct its presiding officer to take the charter from one of its Subordinates who shall have neglected or refused to obey a mandate of said Grand Bodies, without first giving said Subordinate a trial or opportunity of defence of their conduct?

Rep. McCord, of Iowa, presented the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

On motion of Rep. I. Robinson, of Va., leave of absence was granted to his colleague, Rep. Fitzhugh, of Va., for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Rep. Kellogg, of Mich., leave of absence, after to-day, was granted to his colleague, Rep. Chester, of Mich.

Rep. Williamson, of Ky., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

WHEREAS every Past Grand duly qualified is, by the organic law of the Order, a member of the Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction he has served ; and whereas the enactments of this Grand Lodge provide that a State Grand Lodge may, under certain circumstances, restrict the exercise of its legislative authority to such representative basis as may be necessary or convenient ; and whereas diversity of opinion and difference of practice exist in regard to the proper mode of interpreting and applying the law, some believing that the legislative members of a Grand Lodge should be elected in Subordinate Lodges, and by the members thereof, and others maintaining that a Grand Lodge is bound by the terms of her charter "to administer to all Past Grands the privileges of a Grand Lodge," that the election or appointment of legislative members is a duty assigned to a Grand Lodge, and can only be exercised by the members thereof ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to consider and report upon the subject of the proper method of constituting a Grand Lodge whose legislation is restricted to a representative basis.

Rep. Glenn, of Ga., moved the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to inquire into and report whether a Lodge, to whom the withdrawal card of a brother is presented, has the right to mutilate said card by endorsing on the same "rejected," and then returning it to the brother.

Rep. Newby, of N. C., proposed the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

In processions of the Order, what rule of precedence should be observed where Subordinate Lodges and Subordinate Encampments turn out as *separate* bodies, and not as members of Subordinate *Lodges* alone?

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That so much of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas as relate to the passage of a law requiring payment of benefits by Subordinate Lodges to sick stranger brothers, primarily referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, be now (with that committee's consent) referred to the Legislative Committee, to whom it originally should have been referred.

Rep. Harmon, of Me., presented a memorial of the Grand Encampment of Maine, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved to reconsider the order adopted this morning, to take up the reports of committees in the order in which they appear upon the Journal, which was agreed to.

The question being on the motion of Rep. Hardenburgh, of N. C., to proceed to the consideration of the reports of committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal, it was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Foute, of Miss., the Grand Lodge agreed to go into secret session.

The Lodge having been some hours engaged in secret session, closed the same, and resumed its ordinary legislative business.

The hour of twelve o'clock having arrived, the Lodge took a recess for half an hour.

HALF PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

Rep. Kennedy, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to deficiencies in the laws of the Order, respectfully report:

That the uniform action of the Grand Lodge of the United States recognises one year as the only proper term of service of the officers of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments. The confirmation of the constitutions of Grand Bodies has recognised and established that period as the only term of such officers; and before any change could be effected it would require action on the part of this Grand Lodge. No legislation is therefore required at this time.

As to the deficiency in the laws on the subjects of the renewal of membership by persons holding expired cards, and the manner of

replacing those lost or destroyed, your committee submit the following resolutions :

Resolved, That in the case of a brother who has honorably withdrawn by card from his Subordinate Lodge, and has remained out of the Order for a period of twelve months, his card thereupon becomes invalid for the purpose of visiting, but remains effective as evidence of previous good standing in the Order, when application is made for a renewal of membership.

Resolved, That a brother who has so withdrawn his card, and which card may have been lost or destroyed, on satisfactory proof thereof, may be re-admitted to membership as an ancient Odd-Fellow, and will be entitled to the rank he may prove himself as having attained.

Resolved, That when a card of withdrawal may have been lost or destroyed, the Lodge which issued the same may grant a certificate under seal setting forth the fact of such original issue; and the certificate so granted may be used in lieu of a card as evidence of previous good standing.

Resolved, That persons claiming to have been members of the Order, but who are unable to establish satisfactorily their claims, can only be re-admitted by initiation.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
D. P. BARNARD,
B. CONLEY.

Rep. Kennedy, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Dufour, of Indiana, beg leave to report:

That they have considered the same, and deem any change in the present mode of granting and issuing cards as inexpedient. They therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
D. P. BARNARD,
B. CONLEY.

Rep. Kennedy, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred certain action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, respectfully report :

That by the present form of card it is in the power of the officers of the Lodge to express the degree or rank of a brother at the time of filling it up. Your committee do not consider any additional legislation required, and respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
D. P. BARNARD,
B. CONLEY.

Rep. Kennedy, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the proceedings

of the Grand Encampment of Northern New York relative to Encampment degrees, beg leave to report:

That after a careful consideration of the measure proposed, they are prepared to avow that the system of grade in the Order is one of vital importance to its prosperity, and especially do they regard favorably the proposal to make the Encampment degrees an additional qualification for seats in Grand Lodges. But your committee regard the time unpropitious for the introduction of a change so important. The proper period for the introduction of that qualification was when the Order was in its youth, when but few persons would have been affected by the operation of change. At this time it might work great evil, in being regarded oppressive to a large number of individuals, who have attained membership in Grand Lodges; and this Grand Lodge should adopt no new measure which would have the effect of creating undue excitement in the Order, or which would give encouragement to any wide-extended dissatisfaction. The committee would therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
D. P. BARNARD,
B. CONLEY.

Rep. Kellogg, of Mich., from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred sundry bids for printing the daily revised Journal of proceedings of this Grand Lodge, have had the same under consideration, and report that the bid of Bro. James Young, of the city Baltimore, was found to be lowest. The paper and style in which he proposes to do the work being satisfactory to your committee, they have entered into a contract for the execution of the same. The Journal is to be printed upon paper a sample of which is attached to the contract accompanying this report. The committee also recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is prohibited from making payment for the printing of the revised Journal of the present session until the same shall be complete and delivered in conformity with the contract accompanying this report.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to publish an advertisement in one daily newspaper in the cities of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and Cincinnati, inviting proposals for the printing of this body, as follows:

For composition—plain, figure work, and rule and figure work, per 1000 ems; including the furnishing of stereotype plates, of size uniform with the Journal of proceedings, from new type.

Press work, per token, of 16 octavo pages, for the printing of 8000 copies; also, price for additional copies, per token.

Folding, stitching, and trimming, in good paper covers, per 100 copies.

Also, for printing odes, as now required. Specimens of paper, with prices marked thereon, to accompany each proposition.

A. S. KELLOGG,
JOSHUA VANSANT,
WM. G. WILLIAMS.

Rep. Shaw, of La., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and so much of the Grand Secretary's report as relates to the indebtedness of the said Grand Lodge, beg leave respectfully to report :

That they have carefully considered the subject, and that the documents, together with the statements made by the Representatives of that Grand Lodge, show conclusively to your committee that the Grand Lodge of Maine is at this time utterly unable to pay its indebtedness. The Grand Lodge of Maine, through its Representatives, proposes to pay annually the sum of one hundred dollars, with the interest on the whole amount annually, until the amount of the indebtedness is liquidated. The committee therefore offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be authorized to settle the claim against the Grand Lodge of Maine upon the terms proposed in the above report.

G. W. SHAW,
B. CONLEY.

The Lodge proceeded to the special order of the day, to wit, the consideration of pending amendments to the constitution.

The following proposed amendment to the constitution, offered by Rep. Colfax, of Ind., was considered :

Article 12. Strike out the words "fifty dollars per annum," in the fourth clause, being the representative tax, and insert the words "twenty dollars."

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered, and was put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to the constitution?" which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows :

YEAS—Askew, Baldwin, Carlisle, Cassady, Chidsey, (2 votes,) Clark, Colfax, Dufour, Gruenan, Hackleman, Hayward, Hinsdale, (2 votes,) Hunt of D. C., Kellogg of Wis., Lynes, Mulford, Stuart, Taylor, Williams—21.

NAYS—Anners, Barnard, (2 votes,) Chester, Conley, Crickard, Crutcher, De Saussure, Drew, (2 votes,) Fitzhugh, Foute, Froment, Glenn, Gillespie, Green, Gyles, Hale, Hansford, Hardie, Hardenburgh, Hicks, Hunt of Texas, Hunter, Jennings, Kellogg of Mich., Kempton, Kennedy, (2 votes,) Libby, Lyford, McCord, Magruder, Manchester, Marley, Mathews, Mullen, (2 votes,) Newby, Norman, Potts, Race, Remington, Ridgely, E. C. Robinson, I. Robinson, Rouns-ville, (2 votes,) Ruple, Sanders, (2 votes,) Senter, Shaw, Shelley, Simpton, Simes, Sligo, Smiley, (2 votes,) Steele, Tuxbury, Vansant, Vennigerholz, Williamson, Wood, Zimmerman—66.

The next amendment in order was one proposed by Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., as follows :

Article 11. Amend it by striking out in the fourth paragraph the words "fifty" and inserting "twenty-five."

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved to lay the subject on the table for the present.

Rep. Ruple, of Pa., moved indefinitely to postpone the proposed amendment, which was agreed to.

The remaining subjects embraced in the pending special order consisted of the following propositions in amendment of the constitution, viz:

Article 12. In the second line strike out the figures "50," and insert "35."

Article 12. Amend by striking out the following, to wit: "The expenses of representatives and officers (excepting those to whom stated salaries are given) attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall be paid by the Grand Lodge."

Article 14. Amend it by striking out the word "Master," and inserting after word R. P. Degree, "and G. E. Degree."

Article 14. Strike out from the words, "The candidate thus nominated must be a Past Grand Master, who shall have the R. P. degree, and be a contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge," and insert: "The candidate thus nominated must be a Past Grand, who shall have received the Royal Purple Degree, and be a member of a Subordinate Lodge and an Encampment."

Article 14. Strike out the word "Master," in the sixth line.

Article 14. Insert after the words "R. P. Degree," the following: "Or a Past Grand Patriarch who shall be a Past Grand, and every candidate shall be a contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge and of a Subordinate Encampment."

Article 14. Amend it by inserting after the words "R. P. Degree," where they occur in said article, the words, "or a Past Grand Patriarch who shall be a Past Grand in good standing."

Article 14. Amend it by striking out the words "a Past Grand Master," and inserting "Grand Representative or Past Grand Representative" instead thereof.

Article 14. Strike out the word "Master," and insert after the letters "R. P." "and Grand Encampment."

Article 14. Strike out as it appears in the Digest, page 65, the word "Master," in the sixth line.

Article 14. Insert after the words "R. P. Degree" the following: "Or a Past Grand Patriarch who is also a Past Grand."

Article 18. Amend it by adding after the word "considered," "and any amendment may be perfected in phraseology, or placed in proper shape, so that the sense be not changed."

Article 18. Amend it by providing that no proposition to amend or alter this constitution shall be received at a session during which a proposition has been rejected embracing in substance the same matter, unless such proposed amendment or alteration proceed from a Grand State Body, and be duly authenticated.

Article 18. Amend it by striking out after the words "Grand Lodge" all that follows, and inserting, "By a Subordinate Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment in good standing under this jurisdiction, and shall be entered on the minutes. At the next annual communication the amendment may be considered, and if agreed to by two-thirds of the votes given, shall become a part of this constitution."

Resolved, That no article or clause of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge shall be subject to alteration or amendment but once in two years.

Article —. "The Grand Lodge shall choose a committee of five from among the present or past members of the body, which shall be called the Judicial Committee of the Grand Lodge of the United States, who shall rank as officers of this Grand Lodge, and whose duty it shall be to hear and pass upon all constitu-

tional and legal questions that may arise between this Grand Lodge and any State Grand Lodge or Encampment, or any Representative of any State Grand Body. The committee shall be chosen at first, one for one, one for two, one for three, one for four, and one for five years, and subsequently one shall be chosen each year for the period of five years. They shall be chosen separately by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast. If there be no election on the second ballot, the names of all candidates except the highest three on the list shall be dropped. The Grand Lodge may at any meeting fill any vacancy in this committee. The committee shall meet and sit at and during the sessions of the Grand Lodge, when all questions shall be argued before them orally or in writing, and their decisions shall be final, unless reversed by a three-fourth vote of the Grand Lodge. Any State Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, or any Grand Representative, may at any time appeal from any decision of this Grand Lodge, or the Grand Sire, upon any legal or constitutional question, to this committee, and shall be heard. Members of this committee shall be entitled to speak in this Grand Lodge, but not vote, unless they be representatives."

Amend constitution by striking out all provisions recognising the existence of Grand and Subordinate Encampments, which are hereby abolished, and the Grand Lodge shall provide by-laws for the conferring of the Encampment degrees by Subordinate Lodges, and shall make such other regulations as may be necessary in consequence of the adoption of this article.

Rep. Gyles, of S. C., moved to postpone indefinitely all the above propositions except one, upon which a separate vote was desired by the Lodge.

And the motion of Rep. Gyles was agreed to.

The excepted proposition, being one submitted by Rep. Hackleman, of Indiana, was then taken up, as follows:

Article 14. Amend it by striking out the word "Master," and inserting after the word R. P. Degree, "and G. E. Degree."

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to the constitution?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Anners, Askew, Baldwin, Barnard, (2 votes,) Carlisle, Cassady, Childsey, (2 votes,) Clark, Conley, Colfax, Crutcher, Drew, Dufour, Fitzhugh, Foute, Glenn, Gillespie, Gruman, Hackleman, Hansford, Hicks, Hinsdale, (2 votes,) Hunter, Jones, Kellogg of Wis., Kempton, Lyford, Lynes, McCord, (2 votes,) Magruder, Marley, Mathews, Morton, Mulford, Mullen, (2 votes,) Munday, Norman, Race, Ridgely, E. C. Robinson, Rounsville, (2 votes,) Ruple, Sanders, (2 votes,) Senter, Seymour, Shaw, Shelley, Simpson, Sines, Sligo, Smiley, Steele, Taylor, Vansant, Vennigerholz, Williams, Williamson, Wood, Zimmerman—66.

NAYS—Bradbury, Crickard, DeSaussure, Froment, (2 votes,) Green, Gyles, Hardenburg, Hunt of Texas, Hunt of D. C., Kellogg of Mich., (2 votes,) Kennedy, (2 votes,) Libby, Newby, Potts, Remington, I. Robinson, Stuart, Tuxbury—21.

Rep. Taylor, of N. J., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed to ascertain the nature, value, and revenue of the securities held by this Grand Lodge against the property of P. G. Sire Wildey, would respectfully report:

That the securities consist of, first, an assignment of a bond and mortgage held by D. B. Banks against Thomas Wildey for four thousand dollars, and regularly assigned by said Banks to the Grand Lodge of the United States; second, a confession of judgment upon the part of Thomas Wildey to the Grand Lodge of the United States for four thousand dollars; which securities are upon the following property, viz: a farm of fifty acres of land, situated within six miles of Baltimore, the assessed value of which is four thousand and seventy dollars; also, two houses and lots in the city of Baltimore, the assessed value of which is three thousand eight hundred and sixteen dollars; making the aggregate value of the whole property seven thousand eight hundred and eighty-six dollars. The revenue from the farm is about seventy-five dollars; from the city property, inclusive of ground-rent and taxes, and exclusive of his own residence, is three hundred and one dollars; making the nett revenue three hundred and seventy-six dollars.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH N. TAYLOR,
R. W. SEYMOUR,
EDW. P. HUNTER.

Rep. Manchester, of R. I., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to the establishment of a Grand Encampment for the State of Iowa, respectfully report:

That they have examined the evidence relative to the matter referred, and recommend that the warrant issued by the Grand Sire, establishing the Grand Encampment of Iowa, be confirmed.

H. A. MANCHESTER,
S. B. NEWBY,
WM. S. MUNDAY.

Rep. Manchester, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom has been referred the application for the establishment of a Grand Lodge in the Territory of Minnesota, respectfully report:

That through accident the petition and other formal papers which should accompany this application have not come to the possession of this Grand Lodge. Copies of the proceedings of a convention of Past Grands, at which such a petition was presented and approved, have been laid before the committee, with other evidence to show the intention of that convention, and the necessity which called it together. Your committee have no means of determining whether our laws have been complied with in the forms adopted; but from the papers before them, and from the testimony of J. G. Potts, D. D. Grand Sire of that Territory, your committee are fully persuaded that the establishment

of a Grand Lodge would be of great advantage to the Order in that distant jurisdiction, give united and new energy to the labors of brothers there, and additional permanency to individual Lodges. The committee would therefore recommend that whenever the proper petition be placed in the hands of the proper officers, and the forms required by our present laws shall be complied with, the M. W. Grand Sire be directed to issue to the proper officers of that district a dispensation for opening a Grand Lodge.

H. A. MANCHESTER,
J. B. NEWBY,
WM. S. MUNDAY.

Rep. Manchester, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom has been referred the application for a Subordinate Encampment at Washington, in the State of Texas, respectfully report:

That the petition before them is in the form required by our laws, but that there is no evidence that the withdrawal cards have been deposited in the hands of the District Deputy Grand Sire of Texas. From the high standing of many of the applicants as citizens, your committee believe that the Patriarchal branch of our Order can but be successful if sustained by their influence and labors. They would therefore recommend that upon the filing of the proper evidence, and compliance with our laws by the petitioners, the R. W. Grand Sire be directed to issue a dispensation for opening an Encampment at Washington, in the State of Texas.

H. A. MANCHESTER,
J. B. NEWBY,
W. S. MUNDAY.

Rep. Shaw, of La., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee, having carefully examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, ask permission to offer the following report:

The amount of receipts from Sept. 17, 1851, to Sept. 22d, 1852, are as follows:

For cash on hand at last report	-	-	-	\$16,862 59
Received for Wilcey fund	-	-	-	1 00
Do. Honolulu hall fund	-	-	-	1,232 50
Books	-	-	-	6,660 00
Representative tax	-	-	-	4,400 00
Dues	-	-	-	451 20
Diplomas	-	-	-	199 00
Cards	-	-	-	3,988 30
Warrants	-	-	-	210 00

Odes	-	-	-	-	-	163 29
Balances	-	-	-	-	-	268 27
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	249 47

Total - - - \$34,685 62

Amount of disbursements, as per the report of
Grand Treasurer Warner - - - 17,478 96

Leaving in the hands of the Grand Treasurer \$17,206 66

Assets of the Grand Lodge.

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer	-	\$15,973 16
Willey and Honolulu fund,	-	1,233 50
Maryland six per cents (cost \$2,800)	-	3,274 46
Willey loan	-	\$8,000 00
Less paid	-	1,759 59
		6,240 41
Due from sundry individuals	-	671 35
Due from Grand Bodies	-	1,592 17
		\$28,785 05

Estimates for the ensuing year.—Disbursements.

Salaries of officers	-	\$2,300 00
Rent of office, gas, and fuel	-	270 00
Mileage and per diem of members	-	8,000 00
Postage and office expenses	-	350 00
Printing and binding of revised Journal	-	1,000 00
Daily Journal of session	-	250 00
Printing revised Journal	-	400 00
Incidental expenses	-	150 00
Printing cards and books	-	1,000 00
		\$13,720 00

Receipts.

Representative tax	-	\$4,800 00
From State Bodies	-	350 00
Books	-	2,400 00
Proceedings (Revised Journal)	-	2,500 00
Cards	-	3,000 00
Odes	-	150 00
Diplomas	-	100 00
Warrants	-	150 00
Interest on stocks	-	160 00
From individual accounts	-	250 00
		\$13,860 00

Statement of supplies on hand.

Cards	-	33,682, selling price	\$3,368 20
Degree Books	-	616,	1,232 00
Charge Books	-	947,	1,894 00
Rebekah Books	-	1,241,	1,241 00

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Odes - - -	6,605,	selling price	198 15
Institution Books	672,	"	672 00
Grand Lodge Books	150,	"	150 00
Digests -	25,	"	5 25
Grand Encampment Books	68,	"	68 00
Sub. Encampment Books	1,175,	"	2,350 00
Diplomas -	501,	"	501 00
Stereotype plates (pages)	2,191,	"	2,191 00
Revised Journal	700,	"	4,200 00
			<hr/> \$18,070 60

Your committee have carefully and thoroughly examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary, and find that they have been plainly and accurately kept. They have also examined the books of the Grand Treasurer, and find that they have been correctly kept, and the receipts and disbursements supported by proper vouchers.

The amount due this Grand Lodge by individuals has been reduced but little for several years past, and we are of opinion that the only manner in which any thing can be made out of these accounts is to give discretionary power to the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Secretary to settle them, as they may deem most advantageous to this Grand Lodge.

It affords your committee much pleasure to be able to state that, in their opinion, the receipts of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year will be ample to meet its current expenses.

Deeming the bond at present required of the Grand Treasurer insufficient in amount, we recommend that the Grand Treasurer elect be required to give bond, to the satisfaction of the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Secretary, in the sum of \$10,000, before his installation, and offer a resolution to that effect.

We recommend for your consideration the annexed resolutions :

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby required, after the payment of the appropriations directed at this session, to invest the surplus in the treasury in such securities, bearing an interest of 6 per cent., as he, by and with the advice and consent of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, shall approve; provided, nevertheless, that he shall retain at all times not less than one thousand dollars in his hands to meet the current expenses of the year.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer pay to the order of D. D. Grand Sire Amos Mathews, of Iowa, for expenses incurred by him in reclaiming the charter and books of "State Encampment," of Iowa, the sum of ten dollars, and that he charge that amount against the fund returned as part of the effects of said defunct Encampment.

Resolved, That the following amounts be appropriated from the moneys in the treasury, for payment of salaries, &c. :

Salary of Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary.....	\$1,200 00
Salary of the Grand Treasurer.....	200 00
Salary of the Grand Messenger.....	700 00
For rent of Secretary's office, gas, and fuel.....	270 00
For mileage and per diem of members, or such sums as shall hereafter be reported and approved by the committee on that subject.....	8,000 00
For postage, or such amount as shall be paid by the Grand Messenger, under direction of the Grand Lodge.....	250 00

And such sums of money as the Grand Secretary shall require for the printing and binding of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and of supplies during the ensuing year, said accounts being first approved by the Grand Sire. Also, that the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue warrants for the above appropriations, and for ordinary incidental expenses.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer elect be and is hereby required to enter into bonds with the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars, and that said bond be presented to this Body previous to his installation.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, with the approbation of the Grand Sire, be and he is hereby authorized to procure a new seal and press for the use of his office.

Resolved, That the debts due and outstanding for several years from the D. D. Grand Sires and other persons, now appearing upon the books of the Grand Secretary, and comprehended in Schedule A, reported at the last session, be and the same is hereby referred to the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, with instructions, in their discretion, to adjust the same upon such terms, by compromise or otherwise, as will best promote the interest of this Grand Lodge.

G. W. SHAW,
B. CONLEY,
JAMES B. KELLOGG.

Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That all reports now lying upon the table shall be made the special order of business for to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock, and they shall be acted upon until all are disposed of.

Rep. Crickard, of La., moved to amend the resolution as follows :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will hold a session at 7 o'clock this evening, for the purpose of considering the reports of committees, in the order they appear on the Journal.

Pending the consideration of which, the hour for adjournment having arrived, the Grand Sire adjourned the Lodge until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24—Nine o'clock A. M.

The Right Worthy Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.
Present : Wm. W. Moore, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Junius M. Willey, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

By general consent, the Lodge agreed, on motion of Rep. Smith, of Me., to take up the report of the Committee on Finance, page 1923, relating to the indebtedness of the Grand Lodge of Maine, which was considered, and, with the accompanying resolution, adopted.

By general consent, Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That leave of absence for the remainder of the session be granted to Rep. E. C. Dibble, of Northern New York.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the Committee on the State of the

Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. Shaw, of Louisiana, relative to the printing of the work in the French and German languages, respectfully report :

That by the action of this body in 1849, page 1522, the printing of the work of the Subordinate Lodges in French and Spanish was authorized, provided the same could be done at an expense not exceeding one hundred dollars for each language. The work, it was found, could not be done for that amount. But the want of it was so felt by the Order in Louisiana that a translation of the work of Subordinate Lodges both in French and Spanish has been made. The translation into the French language has been submitted to the committee, but the little time allowed during this communication has prevented such examination as will satisfy the committee of its correctness. The object of the present application, as the committee are informed, is to get such aid as will enable the work to be translated into these three languages. The copyright is to be secured to this Grand Body; but inasmuch as the work has been translated in Louisiana, it has been desired that the printing should be executed there, in order to ensure fidelity and accuracy. The committee deem it advisable that the work should be executed, but are unwilling to recommend a large appropriation, as the call for the work will be comparatively small. They therefore append the following resolutions, the adoption of which is recommended:

Resolved, That the translation of the work of Subordinate Lodges into the French, German, and Spanish languages be referred to the M. W. Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to ascertain its correctness.

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred dollars be appropriated towards defraying the expenses of printing and publishing an edition of the work for Subordinate Lodges, and also of the degree of Rebekah, in the French, Spanish, and German languages, should the M. W. Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be satisfied with the correctness of the translations; provided, nevertheless, that the expense beyond six hundred dollars for translating and publishing the foregoing in those languages be borne by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, or such Grand Lodges as shall deem it for their interest to join therein; and also provided, that the copyright and exclusive right to the sale of such books shall enure to and remain in this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That upon the publication of the said work and degree of Rebekah, in the said languages, the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to sell the same to such Lodges in good standing as apply therefor, at a cost not exceeding two dollars per volume.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to have the printing and publishing of the above work executed in Louisiana, and that the Grand Representatives of that jurisdiction be appointed a committee of this body to supervise the printing and publishing of the same.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of Order, to whom was referred the inquiry submitted by Rep. Sligo, of Penn., relative to the right of a Grand Body to deprive one of their subordinates of its charter, respectfully report:

That this inquiry has been answered by the decision of this Grand Lodge to be found in the Journal of 1845, page 812.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry submitted by Rep. Glenn, of Georgia, relative to the right of a Lodge to endorse "rejected" on a withdrawal card submitted to it for membership thereon, respectfully report:

That while the card of withdrawal is the absolute property of the holder, yet when he offers to deposite it and thus gain admission into a Lodge, he voluntarily parts with his exclusive property. The card is then his petition for admission, and the seal of his former Lodge is his recommendation. As in the case of an original application for admission, the Lodge would have the right to note on the petition itself the fact of rejection, so, by parity of reasoning, the committee deem the Lodge would have the right to note such fact on the card presented for admission thereon.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry submitted by Rep. Newby, of N. Carolina, relative to the precedence of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments in procession, respectfully report:

That the Encampment branch has usually been considered as more exalted than the Subordinate, and that precedence is generally given to the patriarchal degrees. This, however, may be controlled by circumstances; as, for example, where the procession is organized under and in behalf of a single Subordinate Lodge. In this case precedence is usually given to the body under and on whose behalf the procession is organized.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the preamble and resolutions submitted by Rep. Williamson, of Ky., relative to the proper method of constituting a Grand Lodge whose legislation is restricted to a representative basis, would respectfully report :

That by the repeated decisions of this body the State Grand Bodies have the right to establish a system of representation, and are the proper Legislatures whence such system should emanate.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Billinghamurst, at page 1847, relative to opening and closing ceremonies for the Degree of Rebekah, would report :

That the pressure of business upon them prevents their devoting their time to the preparation of any special forms. They would add, that the work of the Degree, as now in force, provides a closing ceremony; and the opening ceremony can be governed by the form that may be adopted at the present session for opening in other Degrees. They would only, in addition, report that the annual P. W. of the Ladies' Degree should be given by the ladies at the outer door; and there could be no objection, that is apparent to your committee, against the Lodge singing any part of our odes at the time that ladies are introduced into the hall by the conductor for initiation.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE.
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred various resolutions of Representatives and Grand Bodies on the subject of extending the privileges of the Degree of Rebekah to widows and daughters of Odd-Fellows, respectfully report :

That the degree alluded to has been so recently adopted that the committee are unwilling, at the present time, to recommend the change and extension proposed. Even in its present shape, it has not yet been conferred at all in two large jurisdictions of the Order. It was adopted by but a small majority; and any addition which would tend to increase prejudice against it would not conduce to general harmony, nor assist it in winning its way to general favor. The extension to

daughters of Odd-Fellows would also require a change in various parts of the degree.

In response to the requests of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, the committee would reply :

1st. That a dispensation to initiate Mrs. Prewett, the widow of a scarlet member, would be a species of local legislation, forming a precedent that might be followed by many other Grand Bodies, thus breaking the uniformity that should be observed throughout our jurisdiction in all matters relative to the work of the Order. The committee therefore cannot report favorably upon the proposition alluded to.

2d. The Degree of Rebekah was adopted on the 20th of September, 1851. The wives of Odd-Fellows in good standing throughout the Union acquired at that time, to a certain extent, a vested right to receive that degree, whenever conferred by the Lodges of which their husbands are members. - The delay in the printing and distribution of books, they were not of course responsible for, and should not be prejudiced by; and the committee therefore report, that such wives, though their husbands may have deceased since that date, may, if they still remain widows, receive the degree in the Lodge of which their husbands were members, the assent of the Lodge thereto being first obtained, and other ladies being present at the same time with their husbands for initiation in the degree.

WILMOT G. DESAUSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of D. G. M. W. K. Edwards from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana, relative to fining members failing to attend funerals, beg leave to report :

That, after a due examination and consideration of the papers laid before them, they believe it to be one of those questions that should alone receive the legislation of State Grand Bodies, and would recommend the passage of the resolution as annexed :

Resolved, That the appeal of D. G. M. W. K. Edwards be not sustained.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
HENRY F. ANNERS.

Rep. Ellison, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Past Grand Wm. Henderson from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Indiana in granting a charter to a Lodge to work and keep their record

in the German language, and whose final cards of the petitioners did not accompany the petition, would respectfully ask leave to report:

That the form of petition for a charter for a Subordinate Lodge, as laid down in the Digest, requires the petitioners to hold withdrawal cards from Lodges legally recognised by the R. W. Grand Lodge. Section 2, charter 1st of the general laws of Indiana, requires that the cards of petitioners for a dispensation or charter for a Subordinate Lodge *must* accompany the petition, or be deposited with the D. D. Grand Master in whose district the proposed Lodge is to be located, whose certificate shall answer in place of said cards. Your committee believe that State Grand Lodges are competent to decide upon a liberal construction of requirements like the one here presented, without the interference of this R. W. Grand Lodge. They therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of Past Grand Wm. Henderson be dismissed.

WM. ELLISON,
HENRY F. ANNERS.

Rep. Ellison, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, from the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, in reversing the decision of said Franklin Lodge in the case of Bro. George Coggins, who was refused his benefits on the ground of his being in arrears, would respectfully ask leave to report:

That they have examined the documents and papers submitted to them, and find as follows: Bro. Coggins was indebted to Franklin Lodge \$5 75 for dues, &c., to the 1st of January, 1851. On the first meeting night in January Bro. Coggins sent by Bro. Lockie a sum of money to pay his indebtedness to the Lodge. Bro. Lockie inquired of the Secretary the amount of Bro. Coggins' indebtedness; the Secretary replied that the amount was \$5 75, which Bro. Lockie paid. By the local laws of Maryland a brother who is in arrears twenty-six Lodge nights is not entitled to receive any of the benefits of his Lodge until he shall have paid up all his arrears, and have continued a regular contributing member for three months thereafter. As your committee understand the case, the ground assumed by Franklin Lodge is, that Bro. Coggins was indebted for the first week in January in addition to the \$5 75, and that the payment made was only a partial one, and not in full to that date. Admitting that position to be correct, it was manifestly the fault of the Secretary of Franklin Lodge, in not receiving the additional amount for the first week in January, which, under a fair construction, should not be considered as past dues until the close of the meeting, and which Bro. Lockie was ready and prepared to pay. The quarter's dues from January 1st, 1851, to April 1st, were promptly paid, which reinstated Bro. Coggins in his rights to draw benefits. On the 20th of April Bro. Coggins died. Your com-

mittee think the case a very plain one, and, if there is any fault at all, it belongs to the Secretary of Franklin Lodge, and not to the deceased or his friends. They therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland be sustained.

WILLIAM ELLISON,
HENRY F. ANNERS,
OLIVER DUFOUR.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred a pamphlet purporting to be an amended constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, beg leave to report:

That the same is neither authenticated nor in such a permanent form as would authorize your committee to recommend its approval, even were the subject matter contained therein in accordance with the known laws of the Order; hence they would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Hampshire have leave to withdraw the pamphlet referred to.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
J. L. DREW,
E. C. ROBINSON.

Rep. Vennigerholz, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have examined the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa be and is hereby required to erase, in third and fourth lines of clause 1, section 3, article iii, constitution, the words "G. M., D. G. M., G. W. or." (See digest page 43, section 5.) Also, in second line, on page 11, strike out the words "approved of," and insert "report on." Also, erase all of clause 7, after the word "expedient," in fifth line, on page 11, and insert "subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge." Also, erase in clause 19, section 1, article v, all after the words "Grand Lodge," in the fifth line. (A Grand Lodge cannot transfer its legislative functions to a committee.)

Resolved, That the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa, when corrected as directed in the foregoing resolution, be and is hereby approved.

C. THEO. VENNIGERHOLZ,
J. L. DREW,
E. C. ROBINSON.

Rep. Vennigerholz, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have

examined the Constitution and By-Laws of Charity Lodge, No. 6, at Stockton, California, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That said Charity Lodge, No. 6, be and is hereby required to erase in the third and fourth lines of section 1, article 6, constitution, the words, "at the request of any member of the degree applied for, shall." Also, to strike out in the last line of section 1, article 6, by-laws, the words "who has no eard, or."

Resolved, That said Lodge be further required to alter section 1, article 8, by-laws, so as to read as follows: "Cards, whether permanent or visiting, can be granted only in open Lodge."

Resolved, That the constitution and by-laws of said Charity Lodge, No. 6, when amended as required by the foregoing resolutions, be and is hereby approved.

C. THEODORE VENNIGERHOLZ,
J. L. DREW,
E. C. ROBINSON.

Rep. Senter, of N. H., from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns beg leave to report that they have examined the returns from the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and find the same deficient in the seal of the Grand Lodge and signatures of the Grand Officers.

TIMOTHY G. SENTER,
P. A. HACKLEMAN,
J. P. NORMAN.

Rep. Hackleman, of Ind., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The select committee, to whom was referred the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Indiana in relation to opening and closing Degree Lodges and Lodges working in the degrees, beg leave to report a form of ceremony for opening and closing.

P. A. HACKLEMAN,
I. D. WILLIAMSON,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved the following resolution, which was considered by special order, and adopted:

WHEREAS at the annual communication of this R. W. Grand Lodge in 1845 a charter was granted to Woodville Encampment, No. 4, located at Woodville, Mississippi, and whereas said charter has never reached said Encampment, and it would be very difficult to obtain the signatures of the then officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge; therefore,

Resolved, That the present officers of this R. W. Grand Lodge be and are hereby authorized to furnish a duplicate charter to Woodville Encampment, No. 4, at Woodville, Miss.

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized, in making up the revised Journal, to enter as blanks all votes cast at the late election of Grand Officers for persons not in nomination.

Rep. Simpson, of Pa., moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the reports of committees now lying on the table shall be made the order of the day for 11 o'clock this morning, and continued until finally concluded.

Rep. Sligo, of Pa., moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to the respective jurisdictions, with the printed proceedings of this session, the third volume of the printed Journal due the Representatives of those jurisdictions, if the same be practicable.

Rep. Kempton, of Ga., moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the States be now called, and each member present such business as he may have to offer.

Rep. McCord, of Iowa, moved to amend by adding the following words : "After which no new business shall be received ;" which was not agreed to.

The question then recurred on the original proposition, which was agreed to.

Rep. Drew, of Mass., moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the next session of this Grand Lodge be holden in the city of Philadelphia, and that the delegation from Pennsylvania be a committee to make the necessary arrangements.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the original proposition—

Rep. Smiley, of Tenn., moved to amend by striking out "Philadelphia" and inserting "Nashville."

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded, the main question was ordered and put as follows : "Will the Lodge agree to the amendment to strike out "Philadelphia" and insert "Nashville?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the original resolution, it was agreed to. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows :

YEAS—Anners, Baldwin, Barnard, (2 votes,) Bradbury, Cassady, Chidsey, (2 votes,) Colfax, Drew, Dufour, Ellison, Glenn, Green, Gruman, Gyles, (2 votes,) Hackleman, Hardie, Hayward, Hicks, Hinsdale, (2 votes,) Hunt of Texas, Jennings, Kempton, Lyford, Lynes, McCord, Manchester, Mathews, Mulford, Mullen, Noiman, Potts, E. C. Robinson, (2 votes,) Ruple, Sanders, (2 votes,) Seymour, Shelley, Simpson, Sligo, Steele, Taylor, Williams, Wood—48.

NAYS—Askew, Clark, (2 votes,) Conley, Foute, (2 votes,) Froment, Gillespie, Hale, Hansford, Harmon, Hardenburgh, Hunt of D. C., Kellogg of Mich., (2 votes,) Kellogg of Wis., Kennedy, (2 votes,) Libby, Magruder, Marley, Morton, Munday, Newby, Race, Remington, Ridgely, Rounselle, (2 votes,) Senter, Shaw, (2 votes,) Sines, Smiley, Smith, Stuart, Tuxbury, Vansant, Vennigerholz, Williamson, Zimmerman—41.

Rep. Ellison, of Mass., moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will entertain no new business after twelve o'clock to-day.

Rep. Shaw, of La., moved to lay the proposition on the table, which was agreed to.

By general consent, Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred a copy of the general instructions accompanying the Degree of Rebekah, referred to in the Annual Report of the M. W. Grand Sire, have examined the same, and recommend that they be approved.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
B. CONLEY,
D. P. BARNARD.

Rep. Kennedy, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas relative to a law providing for the payment of benefits to travelling brothers, respectfully report a full concurrence in the views expressed by the Committee on the State of the Order, in its report on the same subject, page 1884, and ask leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
D. P. BARNARD,
B. CONLEY.

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That during the remainder of this session no member shall be allowed to speak more than five minutes at one time, nor more than once on any one question.

Rep. Senter, of N. H., moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution, Rep. Ellison, of Mass., moved to postpone it indefinitely.

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., moved the previous question, which being seconded, the main question was ordered.

Rep. Askew, of Del., asked a division of the question; and the question being on the first branch of the resolution, to wit, "that no member shall be allowed to speak more than five minutes at one time," it was agreed to.

The question recurring on the remainder of the proposition, it was not agreed to.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, submitted the following inquiry from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

Are officers of a Subordinate Lodge, who are not Past Grands, entitled to wear silver fringe or bullion on their regalia, under the provisions of division 11, article ii, page 25 Digest.

Rep. Shaw, of La., presented a lithograph copy of the design of the Odd-Fellows' Hall now being erected in the city of New Orleans, which, on motion of Rep. Askew, of Del., was accepted, and the thanks of this Grand Lodge tendered to the Board of Trustees in whose name it was presented.

Rep. Race, of La., moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That each Lodge subordinate to the respective State Grand Bodies be and they are hereby required to make returns to their respective State Grand Lodges of the amount of all funds on hand; of all moneys, securities, and evidences of debt of every name and kind whatsoever belonging to them; and also of all sums paid for relief and for buildings, rents, furniture, regalia, fuel, lights, and each and every of them; and for any and all other expenses by them incurred in any and every manner whatsoever; which said returns the several State Grand Lodges shall embrace in their respective annual reports to this R. W. Grand Body.

Rep. Gillespie, of Ky., moved that the resolution be indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Race, of La.?" The yeas and nays were required.

At this stage, and before the Secretary had commenced calling the yeas and nays, Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., made a point of order whether it was then in order to move to proceed to the special order.

The Chair stated that two orders had been adopted this morning—the one directing reports of committees to be taken up for consideration at 11 o'clock, and the other directing that the States be called to allow members to present such business as they might desire to offer. Immediately after the passage of the second order the Lodge had proceeded to its execution, and, being still engaged therein, though the hour of 11 o'clock had arrived, it should not be laid aside to take up the prior order, which would come up as a matter of course so soon as the business now in hand was completed.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., appealed from this decision of the Chair.

The question being, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Race, of La., the yeas and nays were required, and appeared as follows:

YEAS—Anners, Conley, Colfax, Dufour, Glenn, Green Gyles, Hackleman, Hansford, Hardenburgh, Jennings, Kempton, Kennedy, (2 votes,) Libby, Lynes, Newby, Race, Remington—19.

NAYS—Askew, Baldwin, Barnard, (2 votes,) Billingham, Bradbury, Carlisle, Cassady, Chidsey, Clark, Crutcher, DeSaussure, Drew, Ellison, Foute, Froment, Gillespie, Gruman, Hale, Harmon, Hardie, Hayward, Hicks, Hinsdale, Hunt of Texas, Hunt of D. C., Jones, Kellogg of Mich., Kellogg of Wis., Lyford, McCord, Magruder, Manchester, Marley, Mathews, Morton, Mulford, Mullen, Munday, Norman, Potts, E. C. Robinson, (2 votes,) I. Robinson, (2 votes,) Rounsville, (2 votes,) Ruple, Sanders, Senter, Seymour, Shaw, (2 votes,) Shelley, Simpson, Simes, Sligo, Smiley, Smith, Steele, Stuart, Taylor, Tuxbury, Vansant, Vennigerholz, Williams, Williamson, Wood, Zimmerman—69.

By general consent, Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred an inquiry submitted by Rep. Williams from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, relative to the right of officers of Subordinate Lodges to wear silver fringe or bullion, respectfully report :

That Article xxv of the By-Laws reads thus: "The aprons and collars or sashes of Past Grands may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe, and those having attained to the R. P. Degree may have trimmings of yellow metal." The terms of the by-law appear to answer the inquiry in full, by its limitation.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. Askew, of Del., from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave respectfully to report, that there has been submitted to them, at the recommendation of the Committee on Petitions, certain correspondence from members of the Order in California, by which we ascertain with regret that the condition of the Order in that remote region is such as to require immediate attention.

The officers appointed by this Grand Body to preside over the interests of the Order in that locality, have, from circumstances possibly beyond their control, been unable to devote that attention to the subject which is demanded, and thus, in one or more instances, Lodges have been instituted without dispensation, and working without books.

The importance of maintaining legitimately the Order in California, it must be evident, is of the utmost consequence to its prosperity ; and such cannot be accomplished unless it is sedulously sheltered and guarded by this Grand Lodge.

The adventurers who, in the vigor of health and manhood, leave our shores, prompted by the laudable desire to improve their temporal condition, to locate themselves in California, find too frequently that their hopes are blighted and health much impaired before they have remained long in that district. Many of these adventurers are members of our Order, and fondly anticipate the pleasure of uniting with the Lodges there located, and of availing themselves of the blessings and advantages of our institution.

The desire to *progress* properly and with energy is strongly indicated by the tone of the correspondence ; and it appears, therefore, to your committee, that it is the duty of the Grand Lodge forthwith to adopt such measures as shall accurately ascertain the condition of the

Lodges in California; correct errors, if such there be; arrange that they shall be promptly furnished with the necessary papers and books; and also to provide for a proper and well qualified member of the Order to take charge of and attend to the interest of our brothers and the welfare of our Order on the shores of the Pacific. They therefore respectfully submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the subject of the condition of our Order in California be referred to the M. W. Grand Sire, with power to act and appoint, in his discretion, a well qualified member of the Order to attend to its interest in that district.

Resolved, That in making this appointment a preference shall be given to permanent residents of California.

Resolved, That in this appointment no expense shall be incurred by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

H. F. ASKEW,
JAMES M. CASSADY,
LLOYD E. BALDWIN.

On motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., the special order, fixed for 11 o'clock this day, was postponed until 1 o'clock, and the call of the States was continued.

Rep. Williamson, of Ky., moved the following resolution, which was laid on the table, at his instance:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, with leave to sit during the recess, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the true relation that should subsist between dues and benefits, and to construct a table showing, upon the established principles of life and health insurance, what amount of benefits will accrue from a given amount of dues at each year of age, from 21 to 60; and report at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Mathews, of Ky., moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of every installing Grand Officer, at the time of installation of officers in Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, to instruct the Secretary and Scribes, respectively, in the annual travelling password.

Rep. Dufour, of Ind., presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, which, at his instance, was ordered to be spread on the Journal, and to lie on the table until the next annual session:

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to advocate the getting up of work proper and suitable for each of the five degrees in the Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. Rounselle, of Ill., moved the following resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Secretary be and they are hereby duly instructed to obtain an engraved plate, of suitable design, to be by them chosen, for cards for wives or widows of members of the Order, provided the cost shall not exceed \$150.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary shall cause to be printed as many such cards as shall be necessary to supply the demand, and furnish them to State Grand Lodges at seventy-five cents per dozen.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire is hereby authorized to draw upon the Grand Treasurer to meet any liabilities that may occur under these resolutions.

Rep. Baldwin, of Conn., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That leave of absence be granted to Rep. Samuel Lynes, of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, after this day.

Rep. Gruman, of Conn., moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hold an evening session this evening, commencing at 7 o'clock.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., presented the following resolution of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, which, at his instance, was ordered to be spread upon the Journal :

Resolved, That the sum of forty dollars annually be appropriated by this Grand Lodge to the relief of P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey during his lifetime ; and that the Grand Secretary be directed to remit that amount to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be by him paid over to P. G. Sire Wildey.

Rep. Munday, of Tenn., moved the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That Reps. A. Tuxbury and C. W. Bradbury have leave of absence from and after to-day.

Rep. Shaw, of La., asked and obtained leave of absence, after to-day, for his colleague, Rep. Race, of La.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Lodge took a recess for half an hour.

HALF PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

The special order fixed for 1 o'clock, to wit, the consideration of reports of committees, on motion of Rep. Sanders, of N. N. Y., was further postponed ; and the Lodge proceeded with the call of the States, pursuant to the order under consideration at the time of recess.

By general consent, Rep. Manchester, of R. I., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's report as relates to the Order in California, and upon a petition for the establishment of a Grand Lodge in that State, respectfully report :

That they have availed themselves of every means of inquiry which the brief period allowed for their deliberations would permit, but they regret to say that this means, consisting of individual statements and numerous communications, mostly unofficial in character, does not furnish to your committee that evidence which would warrant them in the expression of any definite conclusion as to the working of individual Lodges. There is much conflict of testimony upon every inquiry which your committee would deem of interest to pursue, and great uncertainty in statements of concurring events.

Deeply impressed with the high character of the mission which circumstances has assigned our Order in California, your committee have proceeded with the purpose not only of recommending the extending of every aid within the means of the Grand Lodge in furtherance of their efforts, but that every indulgence should be given to those irregularities which the peculiar state of affairs in that State would seem to render inseparable from their labors. It appears from the evidence before your committee that there are six working Lodges in California; under what authority these Lodges are organized, no evidence has been offered of an official character, and the letters of brothers of the same Lodge disagree in the *only* instance where inquiries have been answered. Owing to the neglect of our brothers in California, no sufficient official reports have ever been forwarded upon which this Grand Lodge can even base an official recognition of their existence. The membership of the petitioners, or the verification of the official seals annexed to their petitions, prevent any action or favorable consideration of the petition before the Grand Lodge at this time. But there are other causes which would lead to the same result. In June last there were six Lodges claiming existence in California, at remote points, whilst by the evidence of some of the officers there it appears there were but two sets of working books known to be within the jurisdiction; and this, with other statements, satisfied your committee that there is a want of system in the working and organization there, and that before any promise of permanency can be had, a full and radical change must be had. Your committee do not feel authorized to recommend the establishment of a Grand Lodge until there is evidence before them to ensure that the D. D. Grand Sire would be able to find the petitioning Lodges when he should appear with the warrant for its institution. Much of the confusion and difficulty in the Order in California undoubtedly grows out of the mismanagement or neglect of duty on the part of the D. D. Grand Sire; indeed, the communications before your committee are filled with complaints of this character, and whether they be true or not, it must be evident that when so general dissatisfaction prevails, much of the usefulness of an officer is diminished. Whilst your committee do not feel authorized to recommend the granting a charter for a Grand Lodge upon the evidence now before them, they are convinced that the interference of this Grand Lodge offers the only efficacious means of establishing system and bringing about that certainty of organization which will ensure to us at all times the means of prompt supervision over the Order in that distant region, and the perfection of those bonds which shall make us with them united in the government as we are now united in feeling and purpose for the advancement of the common objects of our beloved Order. The efforts of our brothers in California, associated as lodges and individually, to relieve human suffering, and to stay the torrent of selfishness and depravity which at times seemed to obscure the moral atmosphere of California, will ever present an era for proud reference in the history of the influences of our fraternity, and must ever ensure the undivided support of the whole Order in the furtherance of such measures

as shall lead to the permanent establishment of an organization whose labors have been productive of so great good. Your committee recommend that an efficient Deputy Grand Sire should, under the direction of the R. W. Grand Sire, be directed to examine into the organization of such Lodges as claim to work under the forms of our application; that proper warrants be issued to all such as are found qualified to receive them, and a regular system of working and returns be established.

H. A. MANCHESTER,
W. S. MUNDAY,
J. B. NEWBY.

Rep. Senter, of N. H., moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge adjourn on Saturday 25th, *sine die*.

Rep. Ruple, of Pa., moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurred on the adoption of the resolution, which was agreed to.

Rep. Hinsdale, of Wis., moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the special committee on the constitution and by-laws be instructed to report a provision giving to such States as choice to elect the privilege of abolishing Grand and Subordinate Encampments, and requiring Subordinate Lodges to confer the Encampment degrees in such manner as may be specified by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved to indefinitely postpone the resolution.

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., moved to lay the subject on the table; and the question being on the motion to lay on the table, it was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows :

YEAS—Anners, Askew, Baldwin, Barnard, (2 votes,) Bradbury, Cassady, Chidsey, (2 votes,) Colfax, Crickard, Crutcher, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, Drew, (2 votes,) Dufour, Ellison, Froment, Gruman, Gyles, Hackleman, Hale, Hansford, Hayward, Hicks, Hunt of Texas, Hunter, Jennings, Kellogg of Michigan, (2 votes,) Kempton, Kennedy, (2 votes,) Libby, Lynes, Magruder, Manchester, Marley, Mullen, Munday, Norman, Potts, Race, Remington, Ridgely, E. C. Robinson, Sanders, (2 votes,) Senter, Seymour, Shaw, Simpson, Simes, (2 votes,) Sligo, Smiley, Tuxbury, Vennigerholz, Williams, Wood, Zimmerman—63.

NAYS—Billinghurst, Carlisle, Clark, Glenn, Gillespie, Green, Hardie, Hardenburgh, Hinsdale, Hunt of D. C., Kellogg of Wis., (2 votes,) McCord, Mathews, Mulford, Newby, I. Robinson, (2 votes,) Rounsville, (2 votes,) Ruple, Shelley, Smith, (2 votes,) Steele, Stuart, Taylor, Williamson—28.

By general consent, leave was granted to Rep. Vansant, of Md., to enter upon the Journal that if he had been present when the vote was taken upon the proposition of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., to lay on the table the resolution of Rep. Hinsdale, of Wis., to instruct the Committee on Constitutions on the subject of Grand and Subordinate Encampments, he would have voted to lay on the table.

Rep. Crickard, of La., presented the following paper, which was ordered to be spread upon the Journal :

The undersigned begs leave to offer the following in explanation of his vote given yesterday, upon the proposition of Rep. Hackleman, of Ind., to amend Article xiv. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, relative to eligibility for the office of Grand Sire, and asks that the same be placed on the Journal. For the reason that he was opposed to excepting of this particular amendment, to the exclusion of all the other proposed amendments, (to same article,) and of pressing it to a vote pending a motion to refer *all* the amendments proposed at the last session to the special committee of five, elected to prepare and report a new constitution, by-laws, &c., and for this reason would have voted for the proposition, as he had done at the last session.

J. CRICKARD,

Rep. G. L. of La.

The undersigned concurs in the above, so far as it relates to his vote yesterday on the amendment referred to.

E. P. HUNT,

Rep. G. L. of Texas.

Rep. Sanders, of N. N. Y., moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby directed to credit to the different Grand Bodies, to be paid in supplies, fifty per cent. of the amount of money paid by said bodies under the assessment tax of 1849.

Rep. Crutcher, of Miss., moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows :

YEAS—Askew, Carlisle, Chidsey, (2 votes,) Clark, Conley, Colfax, Crickard, Crutcher, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, Dufour, Glenn, Gillespie, Gyles, Hackleman, Hardie, Hardenburgh, Hayward, Hicks, (2 votes,) Hinsdale, Hunt of Texas, Hunt of D. C., Hunter, Kellogg of Mich., Kellogg of Wis., Kempton, Libby, Lyford, McCord, Magruder, Mathews, Newby, Potts, Race, Remington, Ridgely, E. C. Robinson, Seymour, Shaw, Smiley, Steele, Stuart, Vennigerholz, Williams, Williamson, Wood—49.

NAYS—Annors, Baldwin, Barnard, (2 votes,) Billinghamurst, Bradbury, Cassady, Drew, Froment, (2 votes,) Green, Gruman, Jones, Kennedy, (2 votes,) Lynes, Marley, Morton, Mullen, (2 votes,) Norman, I. Robinson, Ruple, Sanders, (2 votes,) Senter, Shelley, Simpson, Simes, Sligo, Smith, (2 votes,) Taylor, Tuxbury, Vansant, Zimmerman—36.

Rep. Williamson, of Ky., asked and obtained leave of absence, after to-day, for his two colleagues, Reps. Gillespie and Mathews.

By general consent, Rep. Manchester, of R. I., from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's report as relates to the establishment of the Order in Pauama, respectfully report :

That the acquisition and rapid settlement of California has opened Pauama, before almost forgotten on the highway of nations; and an immense travel has called into requisition the energies of thousands of our citizens to the development of her hitherto dormant resources. The deadly miasma which pervades her atmosphere at certain seasons, the want of care and shelter, has almost decimated the crowds of emigrants who have heretofore sought that path of travel; and about the only charities have come from individual energy, which has done much to relieve this distress; but as yet no sufficient organization has arisen

to give force and system and energy to the cause of philanthropy in Panama. Upon examination of the papers before your committee, they have no doubt that the benefits anticipated by the friends of this movement will be fully realized; and from the character of the citizens who have interested themselves in this matter, your committee believe the high reputation of the Order can be safely entrusted to their keeping. Wherefore they would recommend that the M. W. Grand Sire be directed to issue proper warrants for the establishment of the Order in Panama whenever the forms of our laws shall be complied with.

H. A. MANCHESTER,
J. B. NEWBY,
WM. S. MUNDAY.

By general consent, Rep. Hunt, of Texas, moved the following resolution, which was laid on the table :

Resolved, That whereas there is now no existing law for the protection of brothers of our Order when travelling, in cases of sickness, it is therefore required of all Subordinate Lodges to cause the Secretary thereof, when they issue a visiting card, to endorse thereupon, under the seal of his Lodge, the amount allowed for benefits by such Lodge, the amount allowed upon the death of a brother, and the date from which the holder is entitled to benefits, provided it differs from the date of the issue of that card.

Every brother holding a legal visiting card, issued by a Subordinate Lodge, under the above regulations, may, in case of sickness when absent from the State in which he resides, make his situation known to any Lodge near which he may thus be detained; and the Lodge thus applied to may, if it thinks proper, upon the certificate of a respectable physician, advance to the sick brother the benefits he would be entitled to receive from his own Lodge; taking his draft on that Lodge for the sum, and endorsing upon the card the amount thus advanced, stating for which particular week or weeks; and the draft thus drawn must be forwarded without delay and paid.

Every Lodge burying a deceased stranger Odd-Fellow in the possession of a visiting card shall have the right to draw upon the Lodge of which the deceased was a member at the time of his death, for the amount allowed by such Lodge on the death of a brother; which draft must be presented without delay and paid.

The call of States having been concluded, the Lodge, on motion of Rep. Simpson, of Pa., proceeded to the special order, postponed until 1 o'clock, to wit, the consideration of reports of committees, in the order in which they appear upon the Journal.

The first report, from the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1883, relative to the admission of Indians as members of the Order, was considered.

Rep. Newby, of N. C., moved to recommit the report to the committee, with instructions to strike out the words "would be inexpedient," and insert the words "not be consistent with the good of the Order;" which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report of the committee, it was adopted.

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., moved to reconsider the vote just had, adopting the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the report of the committee, Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on the State of the Order on the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Texas relative to the admission of Indians as members of the Order, be recommitted to that committee with instructions to report in accordance with the prayer of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Rep. Seymour, of S. C., moved to lay the subject on the table.

Rep. Colfax, of Ind., moved the previous question, which being seconded, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Cassady, Conley, Colfax, Crickard, Crutcher, DeSaussure, Drew, Du-four, Foute, Glenn, Green, Gyles, Hardie, Hardenburgh, Hunter, Jennings, Jones, Kellogg of Mich., Kempton, Libby, McCord, Marley, (2 votes,) Morton, Mullord, Newby, Potts, Ridgely, E. C. Robinson, I. Robinson, (2 votes,) Seymour, Shaw, Shelley, Smiley, Steele, Stuart, Taylor, Tuxbury, Vansant, Williams—42.

NAYS—Anners, Askew, Baldwin, Burnard, (2 votes,) Billinghamurst, Bradbury, Carlisle, Chidsey, (2 votes,) Clark, Froment, Gillespie, Gruman, Hackleman, Hale, Hansford, Harmon, Hayward, Hicks, Hinsdale, Hunt of Texas, Hunt of D. C., Kellogg of Wis., Kennedy, Lyford, Lynes, Magruder, Mathews, Mullen, (2 votes,) Norman, Race, Rounselle, (2 votes,) Ruple, Sanders, (2 votes,) Senter, Simpson, Simes, Sligo, Smith, Vennigerholz, Williamson, Wood—46.

The hour of half past three o'clock having arrived, the Grand Sire adjourned the Lodge until 7 o'clock this evening.

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 24—Seven o'clock.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Wm. W. Moore, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

The Lodge proceeded to the business pending at the time of adjournment, to wit, the consideration of reports of committees in the order in which they appear upon the Journal.

The next report, page 1884, of the Committee on the State of Order, relative to the passage of a law requiring Subordinate Lodges "to pay benefits to sick stranger brethren," was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Hunt, of Texas, laid on the table.

The next report of same committee, page 1884, relative to arrears of suspended members, was considered and adopted.

The next report from same committee, page 1885, upon the inquiry of Rep. Anners, of Pa., was considered and adopted.

The next report, from same committee, page 1885, relative "to the right of Lodges to admit visiting brethren, and also as to the rights of brethren engaged in hazardous climes," was considered.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved to recommit the report to the committee with instructions to report the following:

"That it is not obligatory on a Subordinate Lodge to admit a visiting brother even if correct in the usual forms."

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered, and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was agreed to.

The next report from the same committee, page 1886, relative to the right of Subordinate Lodges to grant to the Noble Grand leave of absence, was considered.

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved to recommit the report to the committee with instructions to report as follows:

Resolved, That the report of the committee on the State of the Order now under consideration be recommitted to said committee, with instructions to report that Subordinate Lodges have the right to grant leave of absence to any officer having been regularly elected or appointed, and installed.

Rep. Ruple, of Pa., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered.

Rep. Vennigerholz asked what would be the main question.

The Chair ruled that the main question would be on adopting the report of the committee, inasmuch as a motion to recommit was not an amendment.

Rep. Hunter, of Va., appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the question being, "Shall the decision of the Chair, stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Hunter, of Va., moved to reconsider the vote ordering the main question, which was not agreed to.

The main question was then put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report from the same committee, page 1886, relative to the power of Subordinate Lodges to hold adjourned sessions, was considered and adopted.

The next report from the same committee, page 1887, relative to a conflict between the powers of officers, was considered and adopted.

Rep. Hale, from the Committee on Mileage, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem respectfully report the annexed tabular statement, containing the distances travelled by the Representatives, and the amount of mileage and daily pay to which each is entitled.

The number of miles travelled by the Representatives at the present session is 62,245; the number of days attendance at this session has been 544; the amount of mileage is \$6,224 50; for per diem \$1,632 00; total \$7,856 50.

Your committee ask respectfully that the following resolution be adopted, and that they be discharged from further service:

Resolved, That the amount of mileage and per diem as set forth in the accompanying tabular statement, be, and the same is ordered to be paid.

JAS. W. HALE,
WM. E. JENNINGS,
THOMAS HARDIE.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	Distance from Baltimore.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
GRAND OFFICERS.						
M. W. G. S. Wm. W. Moore,	Washington, D. C.	40	6	\$4 00	\$18	\$22 00
R. W. D. G. Sire H. G. Page,	Milwaukie, Wis..	1,320	6	132 00	18	150 00
R. W. G. C. J. M. Willey,	Stonington, Conn..	350	6	35 00	18	53 00
R. W. G. Mar. J. Sessford,	Washington, D. C.	40	6	4 00	18	22 00
R. W. G. Guar. S. H. Lewyt,	Baltimore, Md....	....	6	....	18	18 00
REPRESENTATIVES.						
Anners, H. F.	Philadelphia, Pa..	100	6	10 00	18	28 00
Askew, H. F.	Wilmington, Del..	75	6	7 50	18	25 50
Baldwin, L. E.	Willimantic, Conn.	350	5	35 00	15	50 00
Barnard, D. P.	Brooklyn, N. Y...	200	6	20 00	18	38 00
Billingshurst, Chas.	Juneau, Wis....	1,385	6	138 50	18	156 50
Bradbury, C. W.	Vergennes, Vt....	500	5	50 00	15	65 00
Carlisle, Nelson	Wilmington, Del..	75	6	7 50	18	25 50
Cassady, J. M.	Camden, N. J....	100	6	10 00	18	28 00
Chester, J.	Detroit, Mich....	910	4	91 00	12	103 00
Childsey, W.	Cincinnati, O....	735	6	73 50	18	91 50
Clark, Robt. H.	Millford, Del.	145	5	14 50	15	29 50
Conley, Benj.	Augusta, Ga....	730	5	73 00	15	88 00
Colfax, Schuyler	South Bend, Ind..	850	6	85 00	18	103 00
Crickard, John.	New Orleans, La.	1,490	6	149 00	18	167 00
Crutcher, Wm.	Vicksburg, Miss..	1,800	6	180 00	18	198 00
DeSaussure, W. G.	Charleston, S. C..	535	6	58 50	18	76 50
Dibble, E. C.	Butavia, N. Y....	635	5	63 50	15	78 50
Drew, Jos. L.	Boston, Mass....	440	6	44 00	18	62 00
Dufour, Oliver.	Vevay, Ind.	750	6	75 00	18	93 00
Ellison, Wm.	Boston, Mass....	440	6	44 00	18	62 00
Fitzhugh, E. H.	Wheeling, Va....	310	4	31 00	12	43 00
Foute, Aug. M.	Jackson, Miss....	1,850	6	185 00	18	208 00
Froiment, Andre.	New York, N. Y.	200	6	20 00	18	38 00
Glenn, L. J.	McDonough, Ga..	880	6	88 00	18	106 00
Gillespie, R.	Frankfort, Ky....	885	5	88 50	15	103 50
Green, Clark H.	Glasgow, Mo....	1,450	6	145 00	18	163 00
Gruinan, C. J.	Norwalk, Conn....	245	6	24 50	18	42 50
Gyles, John A.	Charleston, S. C..	535	6	58 50	18	76 50
Hackleman, P. A.	Rushville, Ind....	750	6	75 00	18	93 00
Hale, Jas. W.	New York, N. Y.	200	6	20 00	18	38 00
Hansford, C. R.	Montgomery, Ala.	1,125	6	112 50	18	130 50
Harmon, C. C.	Portland, Me....	550	6	55 00	18	73 00
Hardie, Thos.	Dubuque, Iowa....	1,545	6	154 50	18	172 50
Hardenburgh, T. H.	Washington, N. C.	370	5	37 00	15	52 00
Hayward, Nelson.	Cleveland, O....	600	6	60 00	18	78 00
Hicks, Wm.	Providence, R. I..	400	6	40 00	18	58 00
Hinsdale, H. B.	Kenosha, Wis....	1,285	5	128 50	15	143 50
Hunt, E. P.	Galveston, Texas.	1,940	6	194 00	18	212 00
Hunt, R. F.	Washington, D. C.	40	6	4 00	18	22 00
Hunter, E. P.	Martinsburg, Va..	100	5	10 00	15	25 00
Jennings, Wm. E.	Mobile, Ala....	1,325	6	132 50	18	150 00
Jones, Wm. H.	Boston, Mass....	440	6	44 00	18	62 00
Kellogg, A. S.	Detroit, Mich....	910	6	91 00	18	109 00
Kellogg, James B.	Milwaukie, Wis..	1,320	6	132 00	18	155 00

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	Distance from Balli- more.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
Kempton, E. S.....	Savannah, Ga....	695	6	\$69 50	\$18	\$87 50
Kennedy, J. A.....	New York, N. Y....	200	6	20 00	18	38 00
Libby, John.....	St. Louis, Mo....	1,200	6	120 00	18	138 00
Lyford, J. C.....	Manchester, N.H....	505	6	50 50	18	68 50
Lynes, Samuel.....	Norwalk, Conn....	245	5	24 50	15	39 50
McCord, W. D.....	Burlington, Iowa...	1,710	6	171 00	18	189 00
Magruder, W. B.....	Washington, D. C....	40	6	4 00	18	22 00
Marley, R.....	Baltimore, Md....	....	6	....	18	18 00
Mathews, Wm.....	Louisville, Ky....	885	5	88 50	15	103 50
Morton, E.....	Nashville, Tenn....	1,070	6	107 00	18	125 00
Mulford, F. D.....	Gloucester, N. J....	105	6	10 50	18	28 50
Mullen, John.....	Boston, Mass....	440	6	44 00	18	62 00
Manchester, H. A.....	Providence, R. I....	400	6	40 00	18	58 00
Munday, W. S.....	Nashville, Tenn....	1,070	6	107 00	18	125 00
Newby, J. B.....	Fayetteville, N. C....	450	6	45 00	18	63 00
Norman, J. P.....	Helena, Ark.....	1,580	6	158 00	18	176 00
Potts, J. G.....	Galena, Ill.....	1,530	6	153 00	18	171 00
Race, S. W.....	New Orleans, La....	1,490	5	149 00	15	164 00
Remington, Wm. H.....	St. Louis, Mo....	1,200	6	120 00	18	138 00
Ridgely, James L.....	Baltimore, Md....	....	6	....	18	18 00
Robinson, E. C.....	Norfolk, Va.....	200	6	20 00	18	38 00
Robinson, Israel.....	Martinsburg, Va....	100	5	10 00	15	25 00
Rounsville, Wm.....	St. Charles, Ill....	1,295	6	129 50	18	147 50
Ruple, James B.....	Washington, Pa....	280	6	28 00	18	46 00
Russell, R. F.....	Auburn, N. Y....	525	2	52 50	6	58 50
Sanders, J. P.....	Peeksville, N. Y....	245	6	24 50	18	42 50
Senter, T. G.....	Portsmouth, N. H....	500	6	50 00	18	68 00
Seymour, R. W.....	Charleston, S. C....	585	6	58 50	18	76 50
Shaw, G. W.....	New Orleans, La....	1,490	6	149 00	18	167 00
Shelley, N. G.....	Talladega, Ala....	1,210	6	121 00	18	139 00
Simpson, J. A.....	Philadelphia, Pa....	100	6	10 00	18	28 00
Simes, S. H.....	Portsmouth, N. H....	500	6	50 00	18	68 00
Sligo, George.....	Philadelphia, Pa....	100	6	10 00	18	28 00
Small, Wilson.....	New York, N. Y....	200	6	20 00	18	38 18
Smiley, Thomas T.....	Nashville, Tenn....	1,070	6	107 00	15	125 00
Smith, Wm. R.....	Augusta, Me....	610	3	61 00	9	70 00
Steele, Wm. L.....	Rockingham, N. C....	500	5	50 00	15	65 00
Stuart, F. D.....	Washington, D. C....	40	6	4 00	18	22 00
Taylor, J. N.....	Patterson, N. J....	215	6	21 50	18	39 50
Tuxbury, Albert.....	Windsor, Vt.....	580	5	58 00	15	73 00
Vansant, J.....	Baltimore, Md....	....	6	....	18	18 00
Vennigerholz, C. T.....	Natchez, Miss....	1,715	6	171 50	18	189 50
Williams, Wm. G.....	Cincinnati, O....	735	6	73 50	18	91 50
Williamson, I. D.....	Louisville, Ky....	885	6	88 50	18	106 50
Wood, J.....	Providence, R. I....	400	6	40 00	18	58 00
Zimmerman, B. F.....	Baltimore, Md....	....	6	....	18	18 00
Total.....	.....	62,245	544	6,224 50	1,632	7,856 50

On motion of Rep. Gruman, of Conn., the rule was suspended, and the resolution accompanying the report was adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Constitutions, page 1887, on the constitution of Grand Lodge of Maryland, was considered, and, with the resolution accompanying the report, was adopted.

The next report from the same committee, on the constitution of Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, page 1887, was considered.

A division of the question being required, and the question being on the resolutions accompanying the report—

Rep. Billingshurst, of Wis., moved to amend as follows, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Wisconsin be and the same is hereby approved.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended, it was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Magruder, of D. C., the report was laid on the table.

The next report from the Committee on Constitutions, page 1894, on the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Petitions, page 1894, confirming the dispensations issued by the Grand Sire in the recess, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1895, relative to the delivery of the Past Grand's charge, was considered.

Rep. Hunt, of D. C., asked a division of the question, and the question being on so much of the report as refers to the delivery of the Past Grand's charge—

Rep. Glenn, of Ga., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows : "Will the Lodge adopt the first branch of the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the second branch of the report, it was adopted.

The report of the same committee, page 1895, relative to the diagrams, was considered and adopted.

The next report of the same committee, page 1896, relative to dues, was considered and adopted.

The next report of the same committee, page 1896, relative to reports of D. D. Grand Sires, was considered and adopted.

The next report of the same committee, page 1896, being upon the Grand Sire's decisions, was considered *seriatim*, and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Correspondence, page 1898, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Appeals, page 1898, on the appeal of P. G. Dunlap from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1898, on the appeal of P. G. Swan, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Constitutions, page 1899, on the by-laws of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was considered and adopted.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved that the Lodge now adjourn, which was not agreed to.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1899, on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, was considered.

A division of the question presented by the resolutions accompanying the report being required, the question was taken on the first resolution, which was adopted.

The question recurring on the second resolution—

Rep. Gyles, of S. C., moved to amend by striking out the word "not," in the third line.

Rep. Simpson, of Pa., moved to amend the amendment by striking out all after the word "approved," in the third line, which amendment being accepted by Rep. Gyles, the question was taken on the amendment, and it was agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended, it was adopted.

The next report, of the same committee, page 1900, on the constitution of Grand Lodge of Kentucky, was considered and adopted.

The next report, of the same committee, page 1900, on the constitution of Grand Lodge of Virginia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, with accompanying resolutions, page 1900, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1901, on the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, with accompanying resolutions, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1901, on the constitution of Paradise Lodge, of New Mexico, with accompanying resolutions, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1901, on the constitution of Montezuma Lodge, of New Mexico, with accompanying resolutions, was considered and adopted.

By general consent, leave of absence was granted, after to-night, to Rep. J. Robinson, of Va.

On motion leave of absence was granted for the remainder of the session to Reps. Baldwin, of Conn., and Hunter, of Va.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Kempton, of Ga., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Chaplain be requested to deliver a discourse before the members of this Grand Lodge, on the afternoon of the Sunday immediately preceding the next annual communication.

Rep. Glenn, of Ga., moved that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, which was not agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Shelley, of Ala., moved the following amendment to the By-laws, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Resolved, That article 36 of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge, by which it is restrained from considering any inquiry as to what are the laws or usages of the

Order, "unless the same be brought before the body by an appeal from the decision of a Lodge or Encampment, or unless the same be presented by a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment," be and the same is hereby repealed.

The next report, page 1903, from the committee to whom was referred the application for a union of the Order in England with this jurisdiction, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Simpson, of Pa., *unanimously* adopted.

The report, page 1911, from the Committee on Returns, was then considered and adopted.

The next report, page 1914, from the Committee on the State of the Order, relating to forms for dedicating Odd-Fellows' Halls, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1914, relative to a return to the "old work," was considered and adopted.

The next reports, from the majority and minority of the same committee, page 1915, relative to the use of the German language in Subordinate Lodges, was considered.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved to adopt the minority report.

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the minority report?" which was not agreed to. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Anners, Barnard, (2 votes,) Froment, Glenn, Hale, Hayward, Hunter, (2 votes,) Kennedy, Manchester, (2 votes,) Mathews, Morton, Ruple, Sligo, Small, Smiley, Vansant, Williamson, (2 votes,) Wood—22.

NAYS—Askew, Carlisle, Cassady, Chidsey, (2 votes,) Clark, Conley, Colfax, Crutcher, (2 votes,) DeSaussure, Drew, (2 votes,) Dufour, Gyles, Hackleman, Hardie, Hunt of D. C., Libby, (2 votes,) McCord, Magruder, Marley, Mulford, Mullen, (2 votes,) Munday, Norman, Potts, Remington, Ridgely, I. Robinson, (2 votes,) Rounsville, (2 votes,) Shaw, (2 votes,) Shelley, Simpson, Stuart, Taylor, Vennigerholz, Williams—13.

Rep. Conley, of Ga., moved to reconsider the vote just had, rejecting the minority report of the Committee on the State of the Order—

Pending which, on motion of Rep. Glenn, of Ga., the Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25—9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Wm. W. Moore, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Junius M. Willey, R. W. G. Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have had referred to them

several resolutions relative to allowing persons, not Odd-Fellows, to be present at the installation of officers in Subordinate Lodges. The reference would more appropriately have been to another committee, but in order to test the question, the committee, without any recommendation on the subject, submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That Subordinate Lodges be authorized to permit invited guests to be present at the installation of their officers, provided that no other business shall be done during said installation, and that all ceremonies relative to entering and leaving the Lodge be suspended at the time.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution, submitted by Rep. Mathews, of Ky., relative to extending the A. T. P. W. to Secretaries and Scribes of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, respectfully report:

That the change desired by the resolution will require an amendment of article xxxii. of the by-laws. The present communication is so near its close as to prevent any amendment at this time. The committee, therefore, beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

Rep. DeSaussure, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. Rounsville, of Ill., relative to the preparation of a plate for cards for wives or widows of members of the Order, respectfully report:

That under the existing law the preparation and distribution of such cards is left with the several Subordinate Lodges. The resolution would therefore require a new law, and should appropriately go to the Legislative Committee. The committee therefore beg to be discharged from its further consideration.

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
WILSON SMALL.

The Lodge proceeded to the business pending at the time of adjournment, to wit, the motion of Rep. Conley, of Ga., to reconsider the vote by which the report of the minority of the Committee on the State of the Order, relative to the use of the German language in Subordinate Lodges, had been rejected; which being under consideration—

Rep. Simpson, of Pa., moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurred on the adoption of the majority report—

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered, and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the majority report?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Askew, Barnard, Carlisle, Cassady, Chidsey, (2 votes,) Clark, Colfax, Crutcher, DeSaussure, Drew, Dufour, Ellison, Foute, Green, Gyles, Hackleman, Hansford, Hardie, Hinsdale, Hunt of D. C., Jones, Kellogg of Wis., Libby, Lyford, McCord, Magruder, Marley, Mulford, Mullen, Munday, Newby, Norman, Potts, Remington, Ridgely, E. C. Robinson, (2 votes,) Rounselle, (2 votes,) Sanders, (2 votes,) Seymour, Shelley, Simpson, Stuart, Taylor Vennigerholz, Williams, Zimmermen—50.

NAVS—Anners, Billingham, Conley, Froment, (2 votes,) Glenn, Hayward, Hunt of Texas, Jennings, Kempton, Kennedy, Manchester, Morton, Ruple, Senter, Simes, Sligo, Small, Smiley, Williamson, Wood—21.

The next report, being from the Committee on Appeals, page 1916, on the appeal of P. G. Fabrie from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1916, on the appeal of Michael Seagers and others, from the decision of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1916, on the appeal of P. G. G. N. Seagrave from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Finance, page 1917, relative to the return of dues paid by Sacramento Lodge, of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1917, authorizing the payment of certain bills, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1918, relative to the application of San Francisco Lodge, of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report and accompanying resolutions, from the Legislative Committee, pages 1920, relative to the deficiencies in the laws of the Order, being under consideration—

Rep. Simpson, of Pa., asked a division of the question, and the question was taken separately on the first three resolutions, each of which was adopted.

The question being on the fourth resolution—

Rep. Smith, of Me., moved to amend as follows:

Add at the end of the resolution the words, "any such person shall be required to set forth in his petition for membership that he has never been suspended or expelled from any Lodge, and that he is unable to obtain evidence of his former connexion with the Order."

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment offered by Rep. Smith, of Me.?" which was adopted.

The question recurring on the fourth resolution, as amended, it was adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1921, relative to a change in the manner of obtaining cards, was considered.

Rep. Dufour, of Ind., moved to recommit the report to the committee, with instructions to report an alteration of the laws, to enable members of Subordinate Lodges to obtain visiting cards upon application to the Secretary and Noble Grand of their respective Lodges, as well as in open Lodge, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report of the committee it was adopted.

By general consent, and on motion of Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., the Lodge agreed to reconsider the vote by which the report of the Committee on Constitutions, page 1900, approving the revised constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, was adopted.

The question then being on the resolutions accompanying the report, Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., asked and obtained leave, on behalf of the committee, to withdraw the third resolution.

The question being on the adoption of the remaining resolutions accompanying the report of the committee, they were agreed to.

The Lodge again proceeded to the consideration of the special order.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, page 1921, relative to a designation of the rank of a brother upon his card, was considered.

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., moved to recommit the report to the committee with instructions, to report as follows:

“The officers of Lodges are instructed to insert in the card the degree or rank of the brother for whose benefit the card is granted.”

This motion was not agreed to; and the question recurring on the report of the committee, it was adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1921, relative to a merger of the Encampment branch, was considered and adopted.

The next report and accompanying resolutions, being from the Committee on Printing, page 1922, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the special committee on the subject of the “nature, value, and revenue of the securities held against the property of P. G. S. Wildey, page 1925, was considered, the report accepted, and the committee discharged.

The next report, page 1926, from the Committee on Petitions, approving the establishment of a Grand Encampment in Iowa, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1926, authorizing the establishment of a Grand Lodge in Minnesota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1927, authorizing a dispensation for opening a Subordinate Encampment at Washington, in the State of Texas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Finance Committee, upon the Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's accounts, and general finances of the Grand Lodge, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Simpson, of Pa., the resolutions accompanying the report were considered *seriatim*.

The first and second resolutions were separately considered and adopted.

The third resolution being under consideration, Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y. moved to amend that part of the resolution fixing the Grand Treasurer's salary at two hundred dollars, by striking out "two hundred" and inserting "four hundred."

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment offered by Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y.?" which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Anners, Barnard, (2 votes,) Billingshurst, Foote, Froment, Green, Hale, Kennedy, Munday, Ridgely, Smiley—12.

NAYS—Askew, Carlisle, Cassady, Chidsey, (2 votes,) Clark, Conley, Colfax, Crickard, Crutcher, Drew, Dufour, Glenn, Gyles, Hackleman, Hansford, Harmon, Hardie, Hayward, Hicks, Hinsdale, Hunt of Texas, Hunt of D. C., Jennings, Jones, Kellogg of Mich., (2 votes,) Kellogg of Wis., Kempton, Libby, Lyford, McCord, Magruder, Marley, Mulford, Mullen, (2 votes,) Newby, Norman, Remington, E. C. Robinson, Rouns ville, (2 votes,) Ruple, Sanders, (2 votes,) Senter, Shaw, Shelley, Simpson, Sines, Sligo, Small, Smith, Stuart, Taylor, Vennigerholz, Williams, Williamson, (2 votes,) Wood, Zimmerman—63.

Rep. Vansant, of Md., Treasurer elect, was excused from voting on this proposition.

The question recurring on the adoption of the third resolution, Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., asked a division of the question, and the question being on fixing the salary of the Corresponding Secretary, it was adopted.

The question being on the salary of the Grand Messenger it was adopted. Rep. Sanders, of N. N. Y., demanded the yeas and nays, which appeared as follows:

YEAS—Anners, Askew, Barnard, (2 votes,) Billingshurst, Carlisle, Cassady, Conley, Crickard, Crutcher, DeSaussure, Foote, Green, Gyles, Hale, Hansford, Harmon, Hardie, Hayward, Hicks, Hinsdale, Hunt of Texas, Hunt of D. C., Jones, Kellogg of Mich., (2 votes,) Kellogg of Wis., Kempton, Kennedy, Libby, McCord, Magruder, Manchester, Marley, Morton, Mulford, Munday, Newby, (2 votes,) Norman, Potts, Remington, Ridgely, E. C. Robinson, (2 votes,) Rouns ville, Ruple, Sanders, Shaw, Shelley, Simpson, Small, Smiley, Stuart, Vansant, Vennigerholz, Williams, Williamson, (2 votes), Wood, Zimmerman—61.

NAYS—Chidsey, (2 votes,) Clark, Colfax, Drew, Dufour, Froment, Glenn, Hackleman, Lyford, Mullen, (2 votes,) Senter, Sines, Sligo, Taylor—16.

The question recurring on the adoption of the third resolution as a whole, it was adopted.

The fourth resolution being under consideration—

Rep. Vennigerholz, of Miss., moved to strike out "ten thousand," and insert "twenty thousand."

Rep. Askew, of Del., moved to amend the amendment by inserting "fifteen thousand."

Rep. Simpson, of Pa., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered.

Rep. Simpson, of Pa., asked a division of the question upon "striking out and inserting," and the question being on striking out "ten thousand," it was not agreed to.

So the Lodge refused to amend the fourth resolution; and the question recurring on its adoption, it was agreed to.

The fifth and sixth resolutions were separately considered and adopted, and the question recurring on the entire report and accompanying resolutions, it was adopted.

By general consent, Rep. Colfax, of Ind., from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was, by special order, considered, accepted, and the committee discharged:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed to have prepared and presented to the Washington National Monument Association, in the name of and on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a block of marble, as a testimonial of the veneration of our Order for the memory of America's most distinguished citizen, would respectfully report:

That they have attended to that duty, as will be seen by the annexed correspondence. On the 17th of April, 1852, the block of marble was safely delivered by one of the committee; and we are gratified in stating that the President of the United States, in his letter accepting it on behalf of the Association, spoke of it as "worthy of the Association, and doing equal honor to the donors and to him whose undying fame it is intended in part to commemorate."

The duties of the committee being now concluded, they respectfully ask to be discharged.

R. H. GRIFFIN,
PETER FRITZ,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Rep. Colfax submitted the following, which was ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, being the only member of the committee appointed to prepare and present to the Washington National Monument a block of marble, who is a member of this communication, would respectfully report:

That P. G. Rep. Peter Fritz, who was charged with the labor of preparing the block, having it suitably embellished, and delivered at the Monument, *estimated*, at the last session, when the work was but partially completed, that the total cost would be \$540, which has been paid to him from the Grand Lodge Treasury. In making up his accounts, the expenses actually paid out by him on this behalf are from \$100 to \$150 more than he has received. In this is not included any sum whatever for his own time or labor, which, as he stated last year,

would be freely given without any charge or compensation. The block of marble prepared by Bro. Fritz is conceded by all who have seen it to be one of the handsomest which will adorn that noble structure, being excelled in the beauty of its sculpture by none. Some of the blocks presented by States and associations have cost from \$2000 to \$3000, showing the comparative cheapness of the one prepared by Bro. Fritz. Whether the expenditure by that brother of at least \$100 over the estimate should be repaid by this Grand Lodge, is submitted to them for their consideration.

SCUUYLER COLFAX.

By general consent, on motion of Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y., the Treasurer was directed to pay to Bro. Peter Fritz, of Pa., the additional sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, in conformity to the suggestion of the foregoing report.

The Lodge again resumed the consideration of the special order.

The next report and accompanying resolutions, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1931, relative to the translation of the work of the Order into foreign languages, was considered. The question being on the resolutions accompanying the report—

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, moved to strike out the three last resolutions and insert as follows:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire and the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed, upon ascertaining the correctness of the translation, to have the books printed and sold to Lodges applying therefor, at the same rate as now charged for similar works in the English language; provided, that such sale of the books, of the Degree of Rebekah shall not be made to Subordinate Lodges whose State Grand Lodges have not accepted said degree.

The question being on the substitute proposed by Rep. Williams, of Ohio—

Rep. Shaw, of La., moved to amend the second resolution of the committee as follows:

Amend 2d resolution, after the word "language," by inserting the following: "or a proportionate amount for either of said languages."

Rep. Vansant, of Md., raised a point of order, whether the motion of Rep. Shaw was in order, the question being on the resolutions of the committee as a whole, and no division of that question being required.

The Chair ruled that the friends of the original resolutions had a right to perfect them before the question on the substitute was taken, and that the motion of Rep. Shaw was in order.

The question recurring on the amendment to the second resolution of the committee, proposed by Rep. Shaw, of La., it was adopted.

The question now recurring on the substitute for the whole, proposed by Rep. Williams, of Ohio, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report and resolutions as amended—

Rep. Vansant, of Md., asked a division of the question on the resolutions, when the first and second resolutions were separately adopted.

The third resolution being under consideration, on motion of Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., it was amended by inserting the word "Grand"

in the third line after the word "such," and, as thus amended, was adopted.

The fourth resolution was considered and adopted.

Twelve o'clock, the hour fixed for recess, having arrived, on motion of Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y., the rule adopted authorizing a recess at that hour was reseeded.

Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y., now moved that the Lodge adjourn *sine die* at half past three o'clock.

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., moved to amend by substituting "six o'clock" as the hour of adjournment *sine die*.

Rep. Shaw, of La., moved further to amend by striking out "half past three o'clock," and inserting "when we get through with the business before us."

The question being on the motion of Rep. Shaw, of La., it was not agreed to.

The question then being on the motion of Rep. Stuart, of D. C., it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the original resolution of Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y., it was adopted.

By general consent, Rep. Kellogg, of Wis., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved. That the Grand Messenger be and is hereby authorized to mail to each officer and member of this body one copy of this day's proceedings; also one copy to such as may be designated in lists furnished by the members in attendance, the number not to exceed that heretofore furnished.

The Lodge again resumed the special order—

When the next report, from the Committee on the State of the Order, page 1932, relative to the power of a Grand Lodge to deprive a Subordinate of its charter, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1932, relative to the right of a Lodge to endorse or mutilate in any way a card submitted for membership, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Glenn, of Ga., the report was recommitted to the committee with instructions to report as follows:

"That a withdrawal card is the absolute property of the holder, and no Subordinate Lodge has a right to endorse "rejected" upon it when submitted for membership, or in any otherwise to mutilate it."

The next report, from the same committee, page 1932, relative to the precedence of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments in processions, was considered.

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., moved to recommit the report to the committee with instructions to report as follows:

Resolved. That upon all occasions when precedence is to be observed, they (the Encampments) rank below the Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered, thus cutting off the motion to recommit.

And the question being on the adoption of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order—

Rep. Newby, of N. C., asked a division of the question.

The first branch of the report was then adopted, as follows:

"That the Encampment branch has usually been considered as more exalted than the Subordinate, and that precedence is generally given to the Patriarchal degrees."

The question recurring on the remainder of the report, it was also adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1933, relative "to the proper method of constituting a Grand Lodge whose legislation is restricted to a representative basis," was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1933, relative "to opening and closing ceremonies for the degree of Rebekah," was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1933, "on the subject of extending the privileges of the degree of Rebekah," was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Appeals, page 1934, on the appeal of Deputy Grand Master W. K. Edwards from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1934, on the appeal of P. G. William Henderson from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1935, on the appeal of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, was considered.

Rep. Ridgely, of Md., moved to recommit the report to the committee, with instructions to report at the next session the law of the case, as presented in the appeal.

Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, being from the Committee on Constitutions, page 1936, on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee with accompanying resolutions, page 1936, on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, was considered.

Rep. McCord, of Iowa, moved to amend the second resolution as follows:

"Strike out all after the word "resolved," down to the word "resolution," inclusive, so that the resolution shall read, "that the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa be and is hereby approved.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the committee and accompanying resolutions, it was adopted.

By general consent, Rep. Small, of S. N. Y., from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was, by special order, considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was recommended their report, page 1932, in reply to the inquiry submitted by Rep. Glenn, of Ga., relative to the right of a Lodge to endorse "rejected" on a withdrawal card submitted to it for membership thereon, would, under the instructions of this R. W. Grand Lodge, respectfully report:

That a card of withdrawal is the absolute property of the holder, and is an evidence of his former good membership; and when he offers to deposite it, and thus gains admission into a Lodge, if rejected, they have not the right to mutilate the card by endorsing "rejected" thereon.

WILSON SMALL,
SCHUYLER COLFAX.

The Lodge resumed the special order, when the next report, from the Committee on Constitutions, page 1936, on the constitution and by-laws of Charity Lodge, No. 6, of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Returns, page 1937, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the committee on the subject of the form of ceremony for opening and closing Degree Lodges, page 1937, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Colfax, of Ind., ordered to be transferred to the Secret Journal.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, page 1939, relative to the instructions accompanying the degree of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, page 1939, relative to the payment of benefits to travelling brothers, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Hunt, of Texas, the Lodge agreed to take up in this connection the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, relative to sick stranger brethren, page 1884.

The question being on the adoption of the said report of the Committee on the State of the Order—

Rep. Magruder, of D. C., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurred on the adoption of the report of the Legislative Committee, which was agreed to.

The next report, page 1941, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, relative to the right of officers of Subordinate Lodges to wear silver fringe or bullion, was considered and adopted.

The next report and accompanying resolutions, page 1941, from the Committee on Correspondence, touching the Order in California, was considered.

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., moved to strike out the second and third resolutions.

Rep. Sanders, of N. N. Y., moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as

follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolutions accompanying the report of the Committee?"

Rep. Stuart, of D. C., asked a division of the question on the resolutions, and the question being put separately on each resolution, they were severally adopted.

By general consent, the Lodge agreed to consider the resolution of Rep. Williamson, of Ky., page 1942, as follows:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, with leave to sit during the recess, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the true relation that should subsist between dues and benefits, and to construct a table showing, upon the established principles of life and health insurance, what amount of benefits will accrue from a given amount of dues at each year of age, from 21 to 60; and report at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Williamson, of Ky., the report of Rep. Dibble, of N. N. Y., page 1909, was taken up in connexion with this subject.

The question being on the adoption of the report, on motion of Rep. Colfax, it was laid on the table.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Williamson, of Ky., it was adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Petitions, pages 1943, was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. DeSaussure, of S. C., the special order was suspended, for the purpose of enabling Rep. Foute, of Miss., to offer the following resolution:

Resolved. That the Secretary of this Grand Lodge again make an application to the State Grand Lodges for subscriptions to the Wilkey fund, accompanied by the question and report of the special committee, page 1925, and that if the amount of said subscription does not reach \$500 per annum, that this Grand Lodge make up the deficiency.

On motion of Rep. Barnard, of N. N. Y., the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Rep. Hale, of S. N. Y., to suspend the rule for the purpose of taking up for consideration the resolutions offered by Rep. Hunt, of Texas, page 1917, it was not agreed to.

The reports of committees, as they appeared on the printed Journal, having been considered, the Lodge agreed to suspend the rule, for the purpose of considering the reports of committees made this day.

The first in order of these was the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, with the accompanying resolution, relating to admitting strangers to witness the ceremony of installation in Subordinate Lodges, which was considered and adopted.

Rep. Williams, of Ohio, then moved to reconsider the vote just had upon this report and accompanying resolution; which motion was agreed to.

And the question being on the adoption of the report and resolution of the committee, it was decided in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Barnard, (2 votes,) Billingshurst, Colfax, DeSaussure, Drew, Foute, Glenn, Green, Hale, Hansford, Hayward, Hinsdale, Jennings, Kellogg of Wis.,

Keapton, Libby, McCord, Manchester, Mullen, (2 votes,) Munday, Norman, Rounselle, (2 votes,) Ruple, Sanders, (2 votes,) Seymour, Williamson, Wood—31.

NAYS—Anners, Askew, Carlisle, Cassady, Chidsey, Clark, Conley, Crickard, Crutcher, Dufour, Froment, Gyles, Hackleman, Hardie, Hicks, Hunt of Texas, Hunt of D. C., Jones, Kellogg of Mich., (2 votes,) Kennedy, (2 votes,) Magruder, Marley, Morton, Mullford, Newby, (2 votes,) Potts, Remington, Ridgely, E. C. Robinson, (2 votes,) Shaw, Shelley, Simpson, Sligo, Smiley, Smith, Stuart, Taylor, Vennigerholz, Williams, Zimmerman—41.

The next report, from the same committee, relative to extending the A. T. P. W., page 1955, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, relative to the preparation of a card for wives or widows of members, was considered and adopted.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following committees:
Committee to prepare a form of dedicating halls: Reps. Seymour, of S. C.; Hunt, of D. C.; and Smith, of Me.

Committee on Life Insurance: Reps. Williamson, of Ky.; Billingshurst, of Wis.; and Jennings, of Ala.

Rep. Hunt, of D. C., moved the following resolution, which, at his instance, was laid on the table until the next session:

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be paid annually out of the funds in the treasury of this Grand Lodge, to aid in the completion of the National Washington Monument, at Washington City, until the capstone is placed on that noble structure, erected to the memory of the best and greatest man the world ever saw.

Rep. Shaw, of La., from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which, with the accompanying resolution, was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned Finance Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be instructed to pay, on the warrant of the Grand Secretary, \$10 to Bro. P. G. M. Mearis, for extra services.

G. W. SHAW,
B. CONLEY,
JAMES B. KELLOGG.

Rep. Gyles, of S. C., moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to have the desks and chairs used by the Representatives forwarded to the place of holding the next communication of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Smith, of Me., moved the following amendment to the by-laws:

Amend Art. 16 by striking out the word "three," in the first line, and inserting the word "ten."

On motion of Rep. Smith, of Me., to suspend the rule requiring amendments to the by-laws to lay over one day for the purpose of considering the amendment offered by him, it was not agreed to.

Rep. Froment, of S. N. Y., moved the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. Cassady, of N. J., was ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to have the Work in the French language translated and printed as soon as practicable, and transmitted to State Grand Bodies who apply for it, at an expense not to exceed the amount charged for the work in the English language.

The hour fixed for adjournment *sine die* having arrived, on motion of Rep. Colfax, the time of adjournment was extended for fifteen minutes.

On motion of Rep. Colfax, of Ind., the Lodge agreed to go into secret session, for the purpose of considering the report of the committee "on the opening and closing ceremony of Degree Lodges," page 1937.

After some minutes passed in secret session, the Lodge again resumed its ordinary business.

When, on motion of Rep. Colfax, of Ind., the Grand Secretary was directed to have the opening and closing form of ceremony adopted for Degree Lodges printed and distributed to Grand Lodges.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., moved that the price of the form of the opening and closing ceremony for Degree Lodges be fixed at 100 per cent. advance upon the cost.

Rep. Williams moved to amend by fixing the price at cost.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Williams, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Va., it was adopted.

Rep. Dufour, of Ind., moved the following amendments to the by-laws, which were laid on the table under the rule:

Strike out sec. 2 and sec. 3, division 2, and insert—

"SEC. 2. Any brother in good standing may by application (personal or otherwise) to the Secretary and Noble Grand, Scribe and Chief Patriarch, Lodge or Encampment, obtain a visiting card, to be valid for any reasonable length of time expressed on its face.

"SEC. 3. Any brother in good standing may by application (personal or otherwise) to his Lodge or Encampment, obtain a withdrawal or final card, to be valid for any reasonable length of time expressed on its face."

The hour fixed for adjournment having arrived—

The R. W. Grand Chaplain addressed the Throne of Grace in earnest prayer.

After which the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. and R. Sec'y.*

SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS

FROM THE ORDER DURING THE YEAR 1851-2

MARYLAND.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 3, Nathan Kann, fraud; 4, Godfrey Arndt, conduct unbecoming; 6, James Lemmon, drunkenness; 15, Amasa Leonard, bad conduct; 20, Samuel E. Treadwell, conduct unbecoming; 32, William H. Heckrote, contempt; 44, J. A. Smith, drunkenness; 53, Thomas Davis, conduct unbecoming; 54, John H. Bevan and George Gray, intemperance; 55, William A. Miller, character, and John Schelling, drunkenness; 60, Joshua W. Webster, conduct unbecoming; 62, D. A. Kahn, immoral conduct; 65, Ernst Hunecke and J. C. H. Neibaker, conduct unbecoming; 69, L. Patterson, bad conduct; 71, James During, drunkenness.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 3, A. Victor, deception; 6, John Altie, contempt; 15, Philip Schenkle, contempt; 35, Christian Smith, immoral conduct; 45, H. A. Duvall and William G. Parsons, contempt; 51, Asa Spence, habitual intoxication; 61, Fisher A. White, bad conduct; 62, Charles O. Fisher, contempt.

SOUTHERN NEW YORK.

Suspensions and Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 13, Philip Turish, F. Fishted and P. Herry; 14, James Eisworths; 50, John Wolf and A. Voigt; 58, D. S. Smith and James M. Evans; 83, G. Russell; 91, T. Barker, G. H. Allen and Charles Smith; 117, H. Cogswell; 133, H. Fessen; 183, E. C. Brettle; 187, G. K. Van Walkenburg and G. Vandenburg; 243, J. Mulholland; 248, J. B. Petty; 289, James Russell; 288, Ross W. Gardner; 301, T. Seaman; 356, S. Cauty; 364, John S. Easton; 389, N. W. Leland; 394, A. A. Cook; 441, Elijah P. D. Mott.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 31, John Leaver, improper conduct; 32, William Kemp, intoxication; 45, William Bislenfield, improper conduct; 51, John W. McCulley, improper conduct; 28, George W. Goodknecht, contempt; 38, Edward Weckerly, improper conduct; 58, Jabez Nicholas and Frederick Brown, improper conduct; 81, William Cline, William Hamilton and A. Redman, intemperance; 119, William Baker, intoxication; 124, H. Critzman and David Tipton, intemperance; 129, A. Leader, defalcation; 134, Cyprian Cobb, immoral conduct;

140, William Williams and William Wicht, intemperance; 151, S. A. Woodruff, improper conduct; 170, George W. Peirson, improper conduct; 186, Lewis Pechin, improper conduct; 189, N. Eisendrath and M. Weiberg, improper conduct; 191, George N. Smith and D. Simpson, improper conduct; 192, Henry Ketterman, immoral conduct; 202, Charles Pugh, intemperance, John M. Gilmore, improper conduct; 209, James Applegate, disorderly conduct; 218, William S. Herst, intemperance; 220, W. L. Gaiter, improper conduct; 235, Jacob L. Hinkle and Renben Sands, improper conduct; 242, John Speich, intoxication; 327, P. J. Gallagher, immoral conduct; 332, Justus Dearman, slander; 343, Samuel Black, improper conduct; 348, Thomas Maitland, immoral conduct; 363, John Mills and Joseph Law, contempt; 364, William Dick and R. H. Sheldon, intemperance; 366, William Bliss and Joseph Anderson, intemperance; 368, John F. McKinney, improper conduct; 384, Harrison Moore and John Watson, improper conduct; 407, Stewart Deunis, improper conduct; 412, J. L. Fuller, improper conduct; 422, John W. Staekhouse, improper conduct, Roger Wolcott and Richard Cliver, intoxication. *

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 2, James Williams, improper conduct; 6, Thomas Odeans, attempting to commit rape, Alexander Murphy and Samuel Johnson, improper conduct; 10, William Hoffman, improper conduct; 13, Joseph Dows, improper conduct; 15, Robert Trumbell, contempt; 21, Adam Schantz, improper conduct; 23, John Conley, improper conduct; 29, William Wall, improper conduct; 41, John C. Dawson, improper conduct; 45, Lewis Vollhard, improper conduct; 56, John Letcher, violating his obligation; 58, Thomas J. Jones, intemperance, Daniel R. Williams, improper conduct; 85, Jacob Stratton, intemperance; 108, James C. McKay, defrauding brothers, John Mathews, intoxication and theft; 111, Samuel Walter, improper conduct; 116, Levi Green, contempt; 117, J. Nelson, contempt; 121, William Martin, adultery; 122, Henry Hong, gross immorality; 124, Benjamin Hern, forgery; 129, Henry J. Wolf, intemperance; 137, James Goff, improper conduct; 141, Peter Moll, intemperance; 157, William Marburger, contempt; 159, David Steach and Jacob Shultz, improper conduct; 161, Daniel L. Lefevre, contempt; 164, Moses Kohn, fraud; 165, Levi Totten, immoral conduct; 170, Thomas Griffin, jr., and Joseph Myers, contempt; 172, Samuel O. Reson, improper conduct; 175, George Neighard and F. H. Kurling, intemperance; 181, Corydon H. Wells, improper conduct; 188, R. W. Lockerman, improper conduct; 195, A. W. Ort, dishonesty; 202, Robert Fry, improper conduct; 205, John B. Topley, intemperance, John Charters, improper conduct; 209, Jesse Graham, stealing, Samuel Houk, burglary; 216, John Wentz, improper conduct; 218, Amos Gilbert, intemperance; 220, Henry Craven, intemperance; 242, John Bostiek, improper conduct; 253, Patriek McDade, imposing on the lodge; 254, Calvin L. Devine, deception, William Davis, fraud; 256, Barclay Clements, fraud; 257, Samuel Felty, larceny; 258, Warren L. Heins, improper conduct; 267, Benjamin Scamans, improper conduct; 274, S. S. Packard, improper conduct; 285, W. J. Renner, improper

conduct; 291, Thomas Reese, intemperance; 302, Thomas F. Brook, contempt; 314, Charles Young and J. K. Henric, intemperance; 315, D. B. Herick, intemperance; 323, F. D. Gill, contempt; 325, Thomas Rihle, improper conduct; 329, Jesse Rapp, theft, C. R. Biddle, intemperance; 347, Hugh Fox and Henry Linden, contempt; 348, Adam Rightmyer, improper conduct; 358, William F. Killinger, fraud; 360, Robert Majo, fraud; 362, Robert Hays and Joseph Rutledge, improper conduct; 363, Robert Ransell, contempt; 364, G. W. Gray, intemperance; 368, Leonard S. Marks, improper conduct; 371, Joel J. Rogers, improper conduct; 378, Thomas B. Dauley, improper conduct; 383, John Rose, intemperance, Augustus Kister, John Fedegan, G. Silverthorne and Solomon Carlin, improper conduct; 384, Miller Barton, fraud; 394, George W. Whitcraft, passing counterfeit money; 402, Isaac Lee, contempt; 404, Oliver H. Peirsol, improper conduct; 409, Samuel Prichley, improper conduct; 413, Cornelius Winters, intemperance; 414, Beater Rexier, improper conduct; 418, John C. Kensel, improper conduct; 427, Philip Confair, intemperance; 464, A. Haimer, fraud.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 9, W. B. Sothoron, contempt; 11, Finley Brannan, drunkenness.

DELAWARE.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 1, Andrew King and Franklin Witid, intoxication; 9, Joseph Recch, improper conduct; 15, C. R. Wiltbank, fraud; 18, John Rensor and James Robinson, improper conduct.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 9, Theodore Tromp, contempt; 23, David Hampton, fraud.

OHIO.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 1, William Penney, conduct unbecoming, William Neare, rioting; 3, John Shield, drunkenness; 18, Charles E. Cock, drunkenness; 48, David T. Summers, embezzlement; 105, Smith S. King, conduct unbecoming; 117, John Martin, drunkenness; 151, Amos T. Croesdale, entering the lodge in a state of intoxication; 157, Henry McGuire, conduct unbecoming.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 1, Francis Wibel Tilghman, conduct unbecoming; 2, Mark Mayhew, revealing the secrets of the Order, George K. Smith and Thomas R. Davis, contempt; 3, Simon Wessen, contempt; 4, J. W. Garrison, contempt; 5, Thompson Ennis and Thomas J. Elriggle, conduct unbecoming; 7, Michael Shiell, conduct unbecoming; 8, Joseph Kelly, keeping gambling house; 9, John Foster, jr., contempt; 16, James H. Curry, drunkenness; 21, Daniel McCally, intoxication; 23, William C. Stiles, conduct unbecoming; 25, George Garrison, contempt; 30, David Delamore, falsely claiming benefits; 31, W. R. Chamberlain, contempt; 33, George Buel, conduct unbecoming; 42, C. Crummel, contempt; 48, T. W. Fitzgerald, contempt, R. S. McEwen, drunkenness; 51, M. W. Welsh, L. W. Hall, R. L. Sweery, contempt, Stephen D. Rouse, drunkenness; 55, G. W. Seaton, conduct unbecoming; 56, John Wendle, conduct unbecoming; 59, Wells B. Fox, lying and dishonesty, James C. Stodart, contempt James S.

Homan, neglect of family; 67, George Hutchinson, conduct unbecoming; 71, Ephraim Cole, defrauding the lodge, James Hefl, wilful misrepresentation, lying, &c.; 75, James Patmore, habitual drunkenness, J. H. McMillen and Aaron Hunter, absconding; 97, E. R. Cousins, conduct unbecoming; 103, J. R. Robinson, final card revoked; 112, Leander Jeffers, intoxication, Jacob Bergen, conduct unbecoming; 113, B. S. Spanier, adultery; 116, J. M. Smith, Lee Cook and Rockly Barhee, (cause not reported); 120, A. G. Lathrop, (cause not reported); 125, G. W. Menough, revealing secrets of the Order; 130, Frederiek A. Thoman, (cause not reported); 132, Abijah Watson, conduct unbecoming; 134, James M. Richards, contempt; 138, John Kelley, contempt; 140, Nathaniel Leonard, fornication, and betraying confidence of friends; 148, Edward Pendley, contempt; 149, George C. Pope, forgery and obtaining money under false pretences, John V. Brading, forgery and defrauding the Lodge; 150, Morris Leinthal, attempting to steal from his employers; 151, Z. O. Connell, conduct unbecoming; 152, Augustus S. Ayres, contempt; 153, Hugh Oliver and Peragrin P. Sanford, contempt; 156, J. M. Cromley, contempt; 163, N. C. Miller, contempt; 165, Daniel Newman, conduct unbecoming; 175, J. Mauh, contempt.

LOUISIANA.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 1, James Garland, dishonesty; 6, P. W. Durell, dishonesty, J. J. Panton, conduct unbecoming; 8, John Barbat, fraud, Paul Tricon, defrauding the United States Government; 11, R. C. Faulkner, dishonesty; 13, J. Parrish, contempt; 14, H. Franko, receiving stolen goods, E. Lowenstein, fraud and general bad character; 16, J. R. Beard, jr., F. D. D. Delecroix and A. Delahoussage, dishonesty; 20, H. C. Cook and J. H. Baldrige, ill-treatment towards a brother Odd-Fellow; 21, F. G. Fitzpatrick, abusing a brother's wife; 30, Orville Custar, swindling, D. W. Trotter, T. H. Pitts, conduct unbecoming; 32, Perry Hillman, drunkenness, Jacob Ganett, whipping a brother's wife.

NEW JERSEY.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 19, J. Alcott, intemperance; 22, William King, intemperance, Timothy Justice, immoral conduct; 45, Samuel T. Pancost, horse racing on the Sabbath; 49, Thomas H. Jobs, intemperance, 56, Daniel Hand, intemperance; 59, William B. McNeal, contempt; 65, William S. Eldridge, contempt and immoral conduct; 66, John P. Van Houten, embezzlement; 74, Baptiste Hadler, refusing to pay fine; 79, G. W. Gillam, seduction; 88, John Stratton, intemperance.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 4, Andrew Thompson and John Cougle, contempt; 17, James Parent, stealing; 35, Joseph B. Harris, improper conduct; 44, George P. Furman, intemperance; 47, Richard R. Allen, contempt; 63, Charles L. Chrismer, contempt; 81, Samuel Groenedge, intemperance; 91, Daniel L. Barret, embezzling the funds of the lodge; 92, John Glecil, larceny; 97, Thomas C. Taylor, intemperance; 99, Samuel Mooney, contempt; 106, Harrison J. Cole, improper conduct.

KENTUCKY.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 1, J. Crook and C. A. Spalding, intemperance; 3, J. B. Porter, J. B. Jenkins and C. M. Rude, intemperance; 17, V. Schuller, conduct unbecoming, Peter Frey, intemperance; 18, James Williams, conduct unbecoming; 20, Jenkin Evans, conduct unbecoming; 69, A. M. Ford, intemperance; 71, John Cooper, intemperance.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 1, George B. Brown, neglecting his wife; 3, James L. Emmerson, intemperance; 4, M. Hendries, (cause not reported); 18, J. N. Thompson, conduct unbecoming; 21, John Miliken, intemperance and insulting a brother's daughter; 24, James McIntosh, intemperance; 27, G. F. Kendall, intemperance; 3, A. J. McCarty, conduct unbecoming; 25, James Collins, conduct unbecoming; 36, J. S. Curd, intemperance; 38, J. E. Stockton, slander; 44, G. F. Maddox, swindling; 45, Timothy Ellis, contempt; 46, J. K. Taylor, intemperance; 47, E. Lovett, gambling and swindling; 49, J. S. Corgell, conduct unbecoming; 56, Harry Walker, gambling and intemperance; 59, R. M. Clayton, (cause not reported); 61, John F. Schumette, contempt, J. B. Legrune, conduct unbecoming; 63, J. D. Gibson and S. M. Thompson, counterfeiting; 65, W. W. Craddock, gambling and intemperance; 68, J. D. Pope, contempt; 78, J. N. Lloyd, deserting his family.

VIRGINIA.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 1, Edward N. Bell, contempt, James J. Claughlin, intoxication; 3, John V. K. Ebbert, defalcation as treasurer; 4, James Simpson, intoxication; 5, Michael Lynch, drunkenness; 6, William J. Reid, intemperance, George W. Graves, drunkenness; 7, J. W. Hines, drunkenness; 9, William Beach, intemperance, John L. Wright, speaking lightly of sick members of the Order; 10, John Mifflin, William H. Martin, Hezekiah Johnson and George Nicholson, intoxication; 13, Charles Pratt, intemperance; 29, John S. Grantham, conduct unbecoming; 32, P. Miller, gambling, A. B. Thiehoff, drunkenness; 33, Christian Camesser, intoxication; 47, E. J. Link, drunkenness; 51, C. R. Dowell, intoxication, T. R. Williams, drunkenness; 55, Walter Dunnington, intoxication; 56, Robert Edmondson and Jas. Ireson, jr., intoxication; 57, G. P. Price and P. Percival, conduct unbecoming; 58, James Fagan, William Breslin and William G. Wright, intoxication; 64, Joseph A. Hill, circulating reports to cause injury to a brother; 70, John T. Ingle, intoxication; 75, J. E. Jones, drunkenness; 76, T. W. Martin and H. N. Bibb, intoxication; 82, Jacob Young, drunkenness, Edward Griffith, fornication; 86, John B. Smiley, slander; 90, George W. Hobson, intoxication; 94, Robert W. Lee, fraud; 100, Peter Maghee, intoxication.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 1, Benjamin Cooley; 4, Charles S. Derr, embezzlement, Robert Willett, drunkenness; 5, Michael Lynch, drunkenness; 6, W. J. Reed, drunkenness; 9, Adolphus Brauder, fraud, William Coates, buying stolen goods knowing them to be stolen; 10, John Mifflin, drunkenness; 13, Richard Knowles, fraud and adultery, John Park, drunkenness; 15, William House, conduct unbecoming.

coming; 26, James D. McPherson, drunkenness; 30, Allen M. Walls, criminal and inhuman treatment to his mother; 33, E. Berberet, not receiving his final card, C. Messinger, drunkenness; 40, J. T. Cropper, drunkenness, O. B. Jenks and B. M. Buckner, contempt; 45, James M. Burdett, unworthy conduct; 51, T. R. Williams, drunkenness; 58, James Fagan and Thomas H. Birchett, intoxication; 61, William W. Palmer, forgery and fraud; 72, George W. Hoomes, drunkenness; 76, Charles Smith, drunkenness, P. M. Harlan, falsehood; 78, William D. Williams, intoxication; 84, John D. Vineil, violation of obligation, R. H. Bogle and David H. Perry, conduct unbecoming; 87, James McCamy, grossly immoral conduct; 88, William C. Turner, fraud; 103, John M. Sharpley, breach of trust; 109, John Bussard, abuse of the Order; 110, Jacob Baker, unbecoming language.

MISSISSIPPI.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 3, J. W. Wallace, conduct unbecoming; 14, S. H. Lee, intoxication; 21, Hatch Whitfield, intoxication; 25, W. H. Trimble, intoxication; 34, J. R. Dermont, conduct unbecoming; 40, J. R. Furguson, misconduct as a public officer; 47, J. H. Fields, intoxication.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 1, M. A. Marks, conduct unbecoming, M. D. Marks, contempt; 13, T. B. Turner, conduct unbecoming, S. R. Egger, intoxication; 19, — Guinn, dishonesty; 21, Joseph A. Oliver, immoral conduct; 22, Henry S. Allen, swindling and lying; 23, J. W. Woodward, intoxication; 26, J. E. Berthe, murder; 33, A. J. Twissell, embezzling lodge funds; 45, J. A. Polk, G. B. Moore and J. G. Ford, deceiving the lodge.

MISSOURI.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 1, Thomas Foster, drunkenness; 2, Hugh Cochran, swindling; 3, Carl Pfennig, drunkenness; 5, T. G. Thomas, drunkenness; 24, William Fine, withholding moneys collected; 37, Thomas M. Glenn, embezzling money; 44, Jerome B. Bibb, indecorous language to lodge; 47, Richard H. Rust, neglecting to pay debts after promising to do so.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 1, Luke Quick, attempted arson, N. T. Chandler, drunkenness; 2, George Cubberly, bad conduct; 5, William Harper, George F. Martin and G. Collier Robbins, fraud, Hudson Carlyle, conduct unbecoming; 19, Arthur F. Hill and David H. McMun, habitual drunkenness; 20, W. H. Turner, fraud; 29, Theophilus C. Dukes, drunkenness and lying; 42, John R. Snell, drunkenness and lying.

INDIANA

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 2, A. Gurrirtz, drunkenness; 27, F. H. Wilklow, disorderly conduct; 32, T. S. Davidson, habitual intoxication; 47, M. Brouillette, intoxication; 54, S. T. Clark, intoxication; 55, George Kittle, conduct unbecoming; 58, William Howlett, conduct unbecoming; 83, Green H. Nield, conduct unbecoming; 88, Simon Thomas, intemperance; 90, Samuel Fletcher, conduct unbecoming; 2,

Peter Gordon, rioting and gambling; 7, Charles G. Colvin, gambling with a negro; 49, S. T. Scott, misrepresentation; 51, F. McGaw and N. Preston, intemperance; 64, J. W. Evans, wronging a brother; 79, A. T. Ward, assault and battery.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 10, Isaac Bull, conduct unbecoming; 15, Anson A. Fuller, larceny; 17, Nathan Hawkins and William Marker conduct unbecoming; 25, John Curtis, drunkenness, &c.; 31, Joseph Minor and A. S. Minor, conduct unbecoming; 33, P. E. Tuttle, bigamy; 47, Wilson Alexander, drunkenness and fighting; 49, Rinald Montgomery, drunkenness and adultery; 51, Loran Smith, adultery, Fleming McGaw, habitual intoxication; 59, J. S. M. Hawkins, seduction, &c.; 61, William W. Tichenor, defrauding brothers; 73, Samuel Manhamer, adultery; 74, M. Galliher, final card revoked for conduct unbecoming; 75, W. Basson, conduct unbecoming; 85, S. T. Jenkins, contempt; 88, J. W. Cassady, absconding and defrauding his creditors; 91, G. Brown, drunkenness; 102, S. A. Fisher, conduct unbecoming; 8, James Jones, taking advantage of a brother; 18, Robert Anderson, contempt; 23, N. L. Rogers, intoxication and lying; 43, T. J. Larrimore, conduct unbecoming; 46, A. Pilcher, conduct unbecoming; 68, M. R. Menach, drunkenness; 71, J. Snodgrass, conduct unbecoming; 88, J. D. Irish, contempt.

CONNECTICUT.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 6, I. N. White, drunkenness; 10, W. H. Lamb, drunkenness; 24, C. E. Wilmot, assault and battery; 29, Russell Millard, drunkenness; 36, T. W. Warren, slander; 37, T. Comstock, drunkenness; 45, W. Massy, drunkenness; 61, M. L. Healy, misconduct.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 4, Cornelius Benedict, fraud; 5, John B. Babson and Henry E. Hill, fraud; 7, Orland Jennings, drunkenness; 8, William R. Hoyle, drunkenness; 17, E. B. H. Prince, drunkenness; 48, Lorman Scott, drunkenness; 56, Daniel Sullivan, drunkenness; 60, John A. Gilbert, dishonesty; 64, J. Clough, fornication; 68, S. A. Robinson, fraud.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Suspension.—Lodge No. 31, J. H. Bean, conduct unbecoming.

Expulsion.—Lodge No. 18, George W. Hall, violating the principles of the Order.

RHODE ISLAND.

Suspension.—Lodge No. 15, C. L. Woodworth, improper conduct.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 8, N. Pace, intoxication; 12, A. M. Moye, intemperance; 21, Robert Johnson, intemperance.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 1, F. Stein, conduct unbecoming; 2, W. Davenport, conduct unbecoming; 3, L. Olmstead, intoxication and fraud; 8, J. A. Hunter, intoxication and contempt of lodge rules; 12, W. S. Murphy, drunkenness; 15, W. J. Blackman, conduct unbecoming; 19, W. H. Waldrope, violating the principles of the Order; 20, Samuel Warnock, habitual drunkenness.

TEXAS.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 11, R. A. Colby, conduct unbecoming; 16, F. V. McKee, conduct unbecoming.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 3, Alexander Moon, contempt; 11, J. McManus, conduct unbecoming; 12, P. K. Edwards, conduct unbecoming; 16, A. B. Patton, drunkenness; 17, John McGoens, entering the lodge drunk, R. B. Blackwell and F. E. Cosley, fraud.

TENNESSEE.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 2, John Steel, jun., divulging secrets; 3, Thomas J. Pickins, fraud; 30, John Ragland, conduct unbecoming; 62, James G. Berkley, intemperance; 63, R. B. Foster and J. Y. L. Moris, drunkenness.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 2, S. M. Scott, contempt; 4, James Baugh, intoxication; 11, William A. Young, intemperance; 13, D. T. McCain, intemperance; 14, W. H. Sharp, fraud, B. L. Cornohen, adultery; 17, David Patalto, intemperance and abuse of wife, A. P. Danell, fraud; 18, R. G. Boswell, intemperance; 26, W. F. Smith, wronging a brother; 46, J. T. Smith, intemperance; 48, Mumford D. Haus, lying; 52, E. V. Scrugs, conduct unbecoming, John B. Wilson, bigamy.

ALABAMA.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 1, James Crow, drunkenness; 6, R. T. Davis and L. Piggott, contempt; 7, Thomas J. Burke, intemperance; 9, C. Wood, conduct unbecoming; 10, William Davis, conduct unbecoming, N. H. Jackson, drunkenness, (card annulled), James H. Cone, conduct unbecoming and habitual drunkenness; 20, William L. Allis, adultery; 21, P. D. Bird, habitual drunkenness and conduct unbecoming; 25, A. J. Colby, swindling; 31, James Atherton and John H. Thomas, dishonesty; 34, G. E. Wallace, intoxication; 35, L. A. Leonard, conduct unbecoming; 39, M. D. Hoodenpytle, attempt at seduction and threatening a brother.

ILLINOIS.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 2, T. Middleton, intoxication; 4, George Bordwell, adultery, Matthew Steward, conniving in declaring a ballot wrong; 13, James Kelly, quarrelling with and using abusive language to a brother; 21, John M. Law, intoxication; 43, M. T. Kurtz, contempt; 50, Paul D. Otis, abusive threats towards a brother; 52, James Hastings, intoxication, Richard Smith, disturbance; 64, N. Williams, gambling, N. Harlan, intoxication; 71, James C. Head, intoxication and gambling; 73, Joseph S. Dodds, immoral conduct; 65, Thomas G. Landon, conduct unbecoming; 76, C. Kirgan, abuse of Odd-Fellowship; 77, William McCullogh, threatening violence to a brother; 84, John D. Bass, drunkenness; 91, A. R. Campbell, falsifying a brother; 93, William L. Graham, unlawful intimacy with a female, Wm. F. Davidson, attempt to run off without paying his debts; 98, William H. Collins, revealing the name of a candidate before election.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 2, B. F. Batterton, habitual drunkenness; 4, S. H. Pilcher, drunkenness; 10, L. W. Young and J. R. Payton, contempt; 12, James D. D. Colvin, seduction, William N. Ott, purloining meat; 13, H. H. Wilkerson and Charles W. Stevens, quarrelling and fighting; 16, R. F. Kippenberg, attempt to defraud a partner in business; 18, Henry Carpenter, swindling; 22, Edwin Webber, contempt; 25, Alonso Curtis, swindling; 26, Nelson Allen, adultery and seduction; 28, William Woodward, producing abortion; 31, Richard T. Tileston, want of moral honesty; 36, J. L. Bowers, cheating and defrauding a brother; 37, Tapley C. Bolling, desertion of family; 38, William H. Maddux, assault and battery; 41, John Buckender, perjury, E. B. Taylor, exposure of one of the working books; 43, John Robertson, selling ardent spirits on the Sabbath, D. A. Burdett, theft; 45, Asaph F. Newton, cheating brothers; 50, John Kelly, drunkenness and desertion of family; 52, James Hastings, intoxication and speaking lightly of the Order; 56, August Post, adultery and deserting his family; 57, C. P. Allen, drunkenness, swindling and lying; 58, John Frenkes, disobedience, Frederick Shultz, fraudulent flight; 65, John W. Hartley, charges of swindling; 68, John McElwa, purloining money, C. Boyd, drunkenness; 70, William Gratehouse, intoxication; 71, William C. Cates, defrauding his brother creditors, G. W. Markley, absconding; 83, John Buffum, unworthy conduct; 84, J. J. Ward, drunkenness and unworthy conduct; 87, B. F. Marriner, fraud; 89, Warren P. Langworthy, charge of petit larceny; 91, William Tradue, absconding; 93, B. A. Fuller, contempt; 95, John Hawker, absconding with lodge funds.

MICHIGAN.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 3, Orlando Button, letting his bail pay forfeit; 14, Collins Davis, drinking and keeping a gambling house; 17, Andrew Hilliker, conduct unbecoming, Peter Conrad, dishonesty and abuse; 22, C. V. Ryland, general bad conduct; 30, W. A. Streeter, general bad conduct; 38, George W. Pattison, violating his obligations; 49, L. E. Waterbury, fraudulent representations; 40, J. L. Heutsuff, conduct unbecoming; 48, B. R. Beal, illicit intercourse, Thomas Curtis, conduct unbecoming; 56, Paul Hilger, drunkenness; 57, E. H. Keables, defrauding a brother.

WISCONSIN.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 13, Charles Aelin, dishonesty; 20, U. S. Webb, disclosures; 25, O. D. Whitney, gambling; 29, H. N. Waldo, contempt; 38, Sawyer Carter, bad conduct; 46, Edwin Babjohn, conduct unbecoming.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 2, J. G. Hayden, contempt; 4, A. W. Paris, conduct unbecoming; 6, Abel Conner, intemperance; 7, Orrin Brainard, conduct unbecoming; 10, A. R. Mosher, falsehood and fraud, D. R. Chappell and J. H. Adams, contempt; 11, Frederick Etsing, habitual drunkenness; 15, Fletcher Brooks, drunkenness; 18, P. G. Hopkins, conduct unbecoming; 20, M. Broom, contempt to Grand Lodge and conduct unbecoming; 23, Jehiel Smith, conduct unbecom-

ing; 25, D. A. Sauher, gambling; 27, S. W. Munn, conduct unbecoming; 28, J. L. Green, contempt; 32, R. L. Howard, embezzlement of public funds; 38, J. H. Phillips, conduct unbecoming; 43, Jas. Long, intoxication; 45, D. Heggleston, wronging a brother, J. T. Wilson, falsehood; 47, H. T. Bailey, falsehood; 51, A. Andrews, disorderly conduct; 62, J. E. Wright, conduct unbecoming.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Expulsions.—Lodges, No. 11, W. J. Garner, drunkenness; 19, Jas. Friplett, fornication and adultery; 25, John H. Happpold, conduct unbecoming.

NORTHERN NEW YORK.

Suspensions.—Lodges, No. 18, J. R. Bainbridge, excessive use of opium; 25, Augustus Smith, misrepresenting health when admitted; 61, William Foster, gambling; 91, Arthur Brown, intemperance; 126, W. A. Fox, conduct unbecoming; 131, Charles J. Dubeck, conduct unbecoming; 133, Edmund Struter, conduct unbecoming; 163, R. H. Rogers, immoral conduct; 169, Samuel D. Griffin, intemperance; 188, James Chadwell, intemperance; 189, Francis Batsford, intemperance; 193, Thomas F. Pamer and James Hulett, intemperance; 236, James Birden, improper conduct; 346, N. Chapman, violating the principles of the Order; 358, H. H. Carpenter, improper conduct; 370, Myron Mosher, practising fraud; 342, Judson Hume, divulging private business of the lodge; 393, John M. Jones, intemperance.

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